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Four suicide bombers identified



Soldiers patrol yesterday near Azira Shamalya, the home village of the four suicide bombers.

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The General Security Service has positively identified four of the five snicide bombers who blew themselves up in Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda market on July 30 and the Rebov Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall on September 4, killing 20 and wounding hundreds.

The four - Mouaya Jarara, 23, Bashar Zoualha, 24, Tawfik Yassin, 25, and Yusef Shouli, 23 were all residents of Azira Shamalya, a village near Nablus.

to determine the identity of the fifth suicide bomber. Final confirmation of

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bombers' identities was received by Prime Minister Binyamin must never again rely on the cooperation of the Palestinian Authority to bestow security upon us. Had the PA done its part, the perpetrators in question would have been behind bars long ago and many innocent lives would have been

The GSS deserves full credit for a job well done. It functions well on its own and reliance on the Palestinians merely weakens it. If the PA should ever have a change of heart and begin cooperating in earnest to stamp out terrorism, that









The four identified suicide bombers (from left): Yusef Shouli, Mouaya Jarara, Tawfik Yassin, Bashar Zoualha.

The village was put under curfew by the IDF last night.

Azira Shamalya, with a population of 7,000, is in Area B, which is under Israeli security control. However, security officials believe those who planned the bombings and assisted the terrorists reside in Area A, which is under total

Palestinian control.

"I want to praise the General Security Service, which together with the IDF, police, and the biology department of the Institute for Foreusic Medicine revealed the

If the GSS's successful investiga-

would be an added bonus, but there must never again be any form of dependence on them, as there

Meanwhile, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's aide Mahmoud Abbas blamed Israel last night for pur-

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Naveh denies Israel proposed halting Har Homa project

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - Cabinet secretary Dan Naveh, the Prime Minister's advisor Uzi Arad and Eliyahu Ben-Elissar, the ambassador to the US, presented American officials yesterday with what Naveh said was proof that four of this summer's Jerusalem suicide bombers came from areas under Palestinian Authority con-

The three met with US special Middle East coordinator, Dennis Ross, in what Secretary of State Madeleine Albright last week called the next step in attempting to restart the peace process, following her recent visit to the

Palestinian negotiators are due to meet with Ross later this week. Following the Israelis' threehour meeting with Ross, Naveh

reports, Israel was not proposing at ing the talks is the PA's not fight-halt to settlement building in Har; ing terrorism. We hope there will Homa or elsewhere as part of a; package to get talks resumed.

Israel also did not suggest combining the three scheduled IDF redeployments, he said. Naveh said that the four suicide.

bombers were on a list of 88 suspects that Israel turned over to the PA several months ago asking that they be detained. Naveh said that relations with the Palestinians have deteriorated

in recent days because the PA has released "dozens" of imprisoned terror suspects since Albright returned to the US. He called it a "clear example of the lack of effort by the PA in terms of fight-

Israel is prepared to progress in the peace process, but first must see the PA address its security obligations, Naveh said.

The main thing that is prevent-

be progress in this area so that at (next week's) David Levy - Abu Mazen meeting, it will bring results that will enable the peace process to get back on track," be

David Rudge adds: PA Chairman Yasser Arafat told Democratic Arab Party MK Abdul Wahab Darawshe on Monday night that Albright's recent visit to the region had contributed to improving the atmosphere towards advancing the peace

THe is hopeful that the planned talks in New York next Tuesday between Abu Mazen and Foreign Minister David Levy and the Secretary of State, as well as other meetings, will belp clear the way towards further negotiations and progress in the peace process, said Darawshe.

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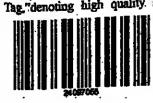
By JUDY STEGEL

The Israel Consumer Council, which found excessive bacteria in four of 12 random samples of frezen processed meat, yesterday called for the establishment of a state food authority to coordinate supervision and standards.

The unappetizing findings were "not a representative sample" of all the country's meat supplies, said ICC director Ariella Ravdel. But she said they did raise concern about food hygiene in processing plants.

At a news conference called by the

ICC and the Israel Veterinary Association yesterday, both organi zations said that in the past year, 308 retail stores were checked for hygiene and product quality. Of these, 202 received a "Green Tag."denoting high quality stan-



Taking part in the meeting were atives of four chains - Co-On Blue Square, Co-Op North-Hypershuk; Supersol/Hypercol; and MacDonald's - many of whose branches have already received the

Raydel said the ICC decided to. launch the Green Tag campaign after receiving many complaints about the quality of meat products in various parts of the country. She said the problem was partly due to meat being sold from animals that died from disease instead of supervised

Raydel also cautioned consumers to purchase meat only from recognized sources.

Dr. Yisrael Glass, head of the veterinary association, said that three of the 12 samples tested in the Health Ministry's veterinary labs were found to have high levels of bacteria,

The source of the bacteria could be in the manufacturing process, from infections on the hands or in the throats of food workers, or from improper transport or storage of frozen meat, Glass added.

The four samples with bacteria counts higher than permitted were processed by Pikanti, Tak-Toro and Tiv Ta'ann other products by Pikantiand Tak-Toro, as well as from Tohelet, Tibonveal and International Food, did not exceed permitted rates of bacteria. Representatives of Tak-Toro and Tiv Ta'am charged tests showing excessive bacterial levels were "misleading and insufficient."

Health Ministry Food Service Division director Dr. Brian Conssin said that all raw meat has bacteria and that it must be well-cooked to

kill the bacteria.

He added that well-cooked meat should be safe if purchased from reputable companies in reliable retail outlets. Dr. Herbert Singer, head of the Food Service Division's veterinary unit, said most Western countries do not have bacterial standards

including some that cause gastroinresonal disorders and food poison-The bacteria are most dangerous to infants, toddlers, the elderly and people with chronic diseases; some of the bacteria release toxins that remain pethogenic even after cook-

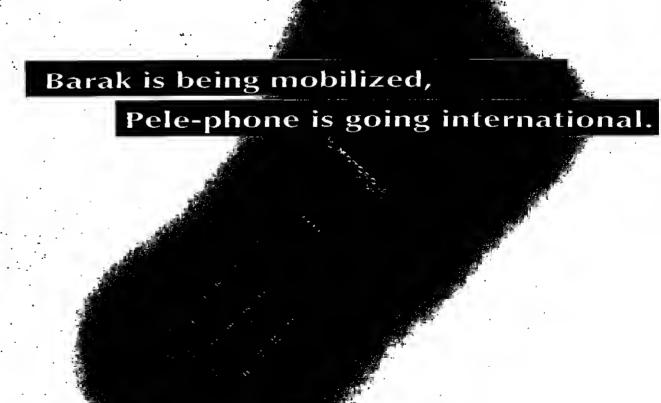
for raw meat products. The greatest. danger, he said, was pathogenic bacteria from raw meat gening into contact with cooked mean in the home or

Security officials are still trying

identities of four of the five suicide bombers," said Netanyahn. National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon said last night that, tion proves anything, it is how we

unfortunately had been previous-

posely misleading the Palestinians



with Pele-phone Company procedures.

Friedman removal widely condemned

Labor and Likud leaders condemned the ouster of Na'amat leader Ofra Friedman by the Histadrut yesterday. Labor head MK Ehud Barak said that without taking sides in the dispute between Friedman and Histadrut head Amir Peretz, he felt that "if there are differences of opinion, they should be aired in party forums."

The dispute was apparently over Friedman's efforts to exclude Na'amat day care centers from the latest labor sanctions.

A Likud statement called Friedman's removal "another failure for the chairman of the Labor Party."

Closure eased further

The IDF Spokesman announced an easing of the closure yester-day. From this moming, an additional 4,000 workers and 1,000 merchants will be allowed to enter Israel while 4,000 PA workers will be permitted free travel within the West Bank.

Margot Dudkevitch

Search continues for missing woman

One week after she disappeared there is no trace of Tamar Brez. 33, who is being sought in Ramat Gan, where she was seen last Wednesday. Dozens of volunteers, including police and civil defense, have searched for the past three days near the town's stadium and Home Center. Her abandoned car was found near the Home Center parking lot.

One killed in road accident.

Avraham Bozaglo, 39, from Beit Shemesh, was killed yesterday in a traffic accident on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway near the Lod interchange and a passenger in his car was seriously injured when his car collided with a van in front of him and he veered into the concrete crash barrier, police said. In another accident a motorcyclist was seriously injured yesterday when he skidded and crashed in Rishon Lezion.

Twelfth graders plan to strike today

Twelfth grade pupils across the country are staying away from classes today to protest the cancellation of school trips due to the ongoing dispute between the Secondary School Teachers

Association and the Education Ministry.

National Student and Youth Council spokesman Galit Eliasi said the pupils would give the ministry and teachers a week to work out the problem, or else they would try to convince pupils in other grades to stay away from classes as well,

The dispute stems from a failure to pay; the teachers extra for accompanying pupils on school trips. Arveh Dean Cohen

Interim report: Bird downed F-16

A bird that crashed into the canopy of an air force F-16B trainer caused it to crash into Machtesh Ramon on September 7, according to an interim report on the accident, released yesterday. The bird, a raptor weighing about one kilogram, shattered the canopy and injured the instructor pilot sitting in the rear seat, causing him and his pupil to eject. The remains of the bird were found during an examination of the wreckage.

Following similar incidents, the air force banned low-level, high-speed flights across bird migration routes in the spring and fall. The board of inquiry is continuing its investigation. Jerusalem Post Staff

Window on PM's plane cracks in mid-flight

A window cracked yesterday in the plane flying Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu back to Israel after a visit to Austria, and the pilot lowered the aircraft from 30,000 to 15,000 feet to reduce pressure on the cabin.

Netanyahu's air force plane was half an hour late in arriving and after landing more problems were found. Some of the seats wobbled, and an oxygen valve on the inside was taped shut.

"I was thinking of just one thing," a relieved Netanyahu said with his feet firmly back on the ground. "This plane has to be replaced quickly." IAF technicians began to investigate what caused the crack.

Stones thrown in Jerusalem

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

The opposition yesterday criticized Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for allegedly trying to take credit for General Security

Service achievements in investigat-

ing the Jerusalem suicide bombings.

accused Netanyahu of abusing mili-

tary censorship hy preventing Israeli media from reporting breakthroughs

in the investigation until he returned

took issue with what he called gov-

emment attempts to make it look as

though instructions from the Prime

Ministry rather than GSS prowess

led to the discovery of the bombers'

After meeting Czech Republic

President Vaclav Havel, Barak dis-

missed "the illusion some people

tions or agreements outside the

GSS brought about this achieve-

"The GSS's triumph has nothing

_ are trying to spread, that instruc-

Opposition leader Ehud Barak

from Austria yesterday.

identities.

Labor and Meretz MKs also

Palestinian youths threw stones at two locations in Jerusalem yesterday morning. At the A-Ram junction, three youths were arrested in possession of flammable liquid, after youths threw stones at passing cars and blocked the road. Border policemen fired two shots in the air to disperse a crowd. Youths from Jehl Mukaber threw stones at the adjoining neighborhood of Armon Hanatziv, damaging two cars. No one was injured, and one boy

Opposition slams PM taking

credit for GSS achievement

to do with any instructions or agree-

ments. The GSS has been working

all the time to obtain security. It's

MK Haim Oron of Meretz urged

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai to see to it that

Netanyahu does not exploit military

Oron said he was astonished that

the censor withheld information

from the Israeli media, citing state

security, after the prime minister and

his entourage had leaked details to

Netanyahu to attribute the fight

against terrorism to himself, and for

this he withheld information until he

returned from ahroad," Oron said.

censored although the foreign press

was able to publish many details.

He also noted the reports were

MK Ori Orr of Labor, dismissed

Netanyahu's statement that the

GSS, at his instructions, was work-

ing independently of Palestinian

Orr said the GSS started develop-

security services.

This was intended to enable

the press.

censorship for his own publicity.

prowess has been built up gradually

over years of work," Barak added.

Ya'alon: Arafat could do more

PA head to Darawshe: I'm doing everything I can to fight terrorism

By Batsheva TSUR and DAVID RUDGE

Palestinian Authority head Yasser Arafat is not intervening to stop Fatah contingency plans for possible future violence against Israelis, the head of Military Intelligence, OC Military Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Mosbe

Ya'alon said yesterday. Ya'alon also charged before the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that the PA has released about 40 of the 100 terror suspects arrested before US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's visit.

He said the freed detainees weren't questioned.

Ya'alon alleged that these were further indications that the PA was not making a serious effort to

uproot terrorist infrastructure. Arafat is taking certain steps "to earn good points" with the Americans, Ya'alon said, "But this is not a no-holds-barred war

against the terrorist infrastruc-

ure. Ya'alon noted that while the infrastructure for suicide bombers came from Area A, which is fully under Palestinian control, the suicide bombers themselves, for the most part, were from Area B where Israel controls security.

· Using Area B as a recruitment base made it possible for Hamas to act "without embarrassing the PA," Ya'alon said.

The infrastructure is in Area A. but they recruit the suicide bombers from B. It is not clear from which area the terrorists leave [on their mission]," be said.

Ya'alon added that the Palestinians have given Israel all the details about the suicide bombers, and that therefore it wasn't clear why Arafat had insisted they came from ahroad.

intelligence Nevertheless. assessments were that Arafat has no interest in fomenting unrest, and that this is the main reason why there were no serious riots over the entry of Jewish families to Ras al-Amud last week.

"Arafat is definitely in control. He can light or extinguish the flames whenever he wants. There are no spontaneous, popular outhursts," Ya'alon reportedly said.

Arafai, meanwhile, said this week that the PA is doing everything in its power to fight terrorism and those behind it in the areas under its control.

was no such thing as 1(0) per cent success in the fight against terror. as Israel itself had discovered.

Arafat made the comments to Democratic Arab Party MKs Abdul Wahab Darawshe and Taleb a-Sanaa when they met him at his headquarters in Gaza on Monday night

Darawshe said Arafat was unaware at the time of any evidence linking residents of areas under the PA's corrtrol or in the West Bank generally with the two recent suicide bombings in

"In our conversation we did not know about the intention to publicize details (about the identity of the hombers)," said Darawshe,

"He said that the Palestinian Authority was united in this and

He stressed, however, that there was doing its utmost to prevent all acts of terrorism against Island because he is convinced that tenrorism first and foremost is hereing the interests of the Palestinian.

"But there is no 100 per cent success, Israel has not had such a success rate, nor have other countries like Britam and even America in their fight against terrorism? Darawshe said Arafat had called for an end to the closure which he said was a form of collective punishment which was harming the Palestinian economy and innocent people whose only aim was to support themselves and their fam-

"He stressed that the closure was playing into the hands of the enemies of peace and was designed to weaken his position and that of the

Blood tests identified bombers

Palestinian mothers and fathers in a West Bank town said yesterday they were made to give blood for genetic tests which Israel said showed their sons were suicide bombers.

Israel said it had proof four bombers in Jerusalem suicide attacks that killed 20 Israelis were activists in the Islamic militant group Hamas who lived in Azira Shamalya, a town of 12,000 near Nablus.

Israel identified the four attackers as Palestinians in their 20s based on what it said yesterday were genetic blood tests and intelligence gathered by its security services.

For three days Israeli security services held the town under siege while hunting for clues to the attacks in Mahaneh Yehuda on July 30 and on Rebov Ben-Yehuda

on September 4, residents said. Hadida Sawalha, identified as the mother of 24-year-old Bashar Sawalha, showed Israel's Channel television her arms, saying: "Here they took blood from me. They took from both my arms." Asked what the Israelis told her at the time, she told the television: "What do they have to say? They said, 'Where's your son?' I said, 'My son isn't here. Allah is with my son. Fear not, he won't do a thing'." She said the son - identicide attackers - had been missing for a year.

The four had been arrested by the Palestinian Authority in a crackdown on Hamas following suicide attacks that killed 57 people in Israel in 1996 but had escaped from a Palestinian prison a year ago, an Israeli statement said. A 35-year-old resident, Mustafa Suleiman al-Shuli, said the men had occasionally appeared in the town before the bombings hut had not been seen since.

"After the last two attacks they disappeared and nobody knows anything about them," he said.

A bald man with a white moustache, interviewed by the television, said he and his wife had also



IDF soldiers run after Palestinian stonethrowers yesterday during chashes at Azira Shamalya, the West Bank village north of Nablus where the four suicide bombers lived.

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Abhas claimed that statements by the PA declaring the terrorists were from abroad stemmed from information they had been given hy US and Israeli officials. He also stressed that Azira Sbamalya is in Area B under Israeli security control.

PA Jerusalem representative Faisal Husseini said "mass arrests is not the way to fight terror and protect Israeli security. The way is to implement the Oslo agreement. We do not agree with the arrest campaign in Azira and we will be ready to protect security in Area B when it comes under our control."

He added that it was Israel, not the PA, which first said the Mahaneh Yehuda bombers came from abroad.

Earlier in the day, Arafai adviser Ahmed Tihi accused Netanyahu of spreading disinformation regarding the suicide bombers.

. "Anyone who says the attackers came from inside the Palestinian Authority areas is misleading the public and not saying the truth," Tibi said.
"Within days it will be shown that these suicides came from outside the territory of the Palestinian Authority, under the nose of Mr. Netanyabu himself. He has the responsibility, and any attempt to put the responsibility on the broad shoulders of Mr. Arafat is conspicuous and totally rejected."

The identification of the bombers came several days after heavy censorship had been imposed on all details of the investigation.

Palestinian Preventive Security chief Jihril Rajouh said on Channel I last night he had received no information regarding IDF operations in the Nablus area over the past few days.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the Engthe Whenli Meeting of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. Mr. John Herbst, United States Consol General, will address the

Since the security operation hegan on Sunday scores of Palestinians were detained for questioning.

The families of the four bombers expressed disbelief and amazement on hearing the news. Shouli's father told Channel 1 last night that security forces had taken blood samples from family members 10 days ago.

Security forces searched the village, taking blood samples from relatives for DNA testing, and returned several days later after positive identifications were made. The officials said last night that intensive operations are still under way to ide ntify the fifth suicide bomber and uncover the Hamas infrastructure behind the recent bomb attacks in the capital.

Late Saturday night intensive searches were conducted in Samaria and curfews were clamped on several villages,

including Azira Shamalya. The IDF told the local Palestinian policemen in the village to remain in their headquarters. Yesterday, village youth stoned troops, but were dispersed by the

local policemen. "Everyone is too frightened to go outside," said Amer Amer, 40, a dentist.

The village stores were closed yesterday and village residents expressed disbelief that the four men had carried out the terrorist attacks.

The four were arrested by the PA in February and March 1996 and escaped from the Palestinian prison in Nahlus six months later. Following their escape they were declared fugitives and sought by the GSS regarding shooting at IDF vehicles in Ein Bidan near Nablus in December 1996.

Their names also appeared on a list of 88 Hamas and Islamic activists that was handed over to the PA by Israel seeking their arrest shortly after the Mahaneh Yehuda bombing.

Elli Wohlgelernser adds: Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz said yesterday the Jerusalem bombings resulted from the PA's failure to act against the terrorist infrastructure, since it is now clear the attacks originated from the selfrule area.

He spoke during a tour of the capital with Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki and senior officers.

Yitzbaki and bis staff briefed Hefetz on the problems Jerusalem police face, as well as on preparations for the holiday season. Hefetz said the force would be on high alert over the next month, especially in Jerusalem.

Sarah Honig and Mohammed Najib contributed to this report:

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gence gathering once the Oslo Accords were signed, at the instructions of late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and then foreign minister, Shimon Peres.

"Netanyahu is making cynical use of the GSS hy leaking drips of information, but what bothers me more is that he's spreading rumors that he instructed the GSS to work independently," Orr said. "That is groundless, and creates the false illusion that the GSS has changed it's methods, or is identified with one prime minister or another.'

Orr also said he believed the investigation results were published prematurely and should have been kept secret for three or four more

Meretz leader MK Yossi Sarid said it's an illusion to think the GSS can fight terrorism effectively without cooperating with the Palestinians.

Sarah Honig adds: Communications Minister Limor Livnat reacted angrily to Barak's criticism, calling it "petty grudg-

The sad part is that Barak knows only too well that the last Labor government relinquished the security of Israel's citizens to Arafat and his men. All that happened since proves the recklessness of their policy," Livnat asserted.

CORRECTION: The Avi Chai prize, is to be awarded this year to two individuals, Ruth Calderon Ben-Shahar and Moti Bar-On, the co-founders of Elul, and not as published yesterday.

Doing it our way

The recent IDF actions in the village near Nahlus where the Authority, the security services are tion is back." Mahameed said that when the IDF goes into Area B Jerusalem suicide bombers allegedly originated are the type of actions the security services have been taking for years. A village is surrounded, a closure declared, suspects rounded up, interrogated and arrested.

These are scenes the country became well acquainted with during the intifada, when Israel was the sole sovereign in the West Bank. But even since the signing of the Oslo Accords, and the division of the West Bank into a patchwork of zones under Israeli. Palestinian and joint control, the IDF has initiated similar types of actions to crush the Hamas infra-

What is different this time, said Oren Shahor, former government coordinator in the territories, is that these acts ought now to be taken in coordination with the Palestinian Authority but are not. Shahor said that when Israel acted in Area B in the past, it was done after consultation with the Palestinian Authority. In some cases Israel provided the intelliinformation, and the Palestinian police made the

Area B refers to the rural areas the West Bank where Palestinians have civilian authority, but Israel has the overriding security authority and can enter as it pleases. But oow, since there is no military or intelligence cooper-ation with the Palestinian

what is bappening oot so much as a turning point, as much as it is a reflection of the reality on the ground," Shahor said. "There is oo dialogue, neither security nor intelligence cooperation. But the security services still have to provide security. So in the absence of coordination, they are doing it on their owo." The Palesonian Authority, Shahor said, is likely to understand from these actions that Israel will do what it feels it has to,

"It would be preferable to do it together, because their melligence is very good," Shahor said. "They are there, inside Area A [the areas under total Palestinian control], we are not." But the recent moves shows that even if there is no cooperation, Israel will act.

with or without them.

Shahor said he does not think the recent moves are a prelude to an IDF incursion into Area A. "Both sides," he said, "understand that this would lead to a collapse of the agreements." As far as the Palestinians are concerned, said Hadash MK Hashem Mahameed, the action near Nablus, and the massive IDF presence in the areas, is tantamount to "a renewed occopation." "The Palestinians see this as an affront," he said. "Once again there are soldiers everywhere, and eurfews and arrests. It is happening at a time where there is no safe passage from Jericho to Gaza, no port, oo airport.

It's as if the military administra-

with such force, without coordination with the PA, it is interpreted by Palestinians as "a provocation, and as an affront to the PA. The significance is re-occupation. Now people are seeing more army, not less." Mahameed said that such moves only increase the frustration of the Palestinians and undermine their support for the PA, since they see it as impotent.

Arguments that the recent moves are meant to crush the terror infrastructure which Yasser Arafat has failed to do, fall - at least in Mahameed's case on deaf

"How can Arafat crush the infrastructure," Mahameed says, " if he only has control of a small percentage of the territory." The premise to Mahameed's argument is that Arafat is doing what he can in the areas he cootrols - a premise that the bead of military intelligence Moshe Ya'alon yesterday told the Knesset Defense and Foreign Affairs Committee was fanciful.



Ras al-Amud protest

Border policemen stand guard yesterday as some 200 Palestinian high school pupils protest at the Moskowitz property in Jerusalem's Ras al-Amud area. The pupils chanted 'Uprising forever' and 'Arafat, we'll be martyrs if you want us to be,' and shouted for the yeshiva students to leave. They threw stones at police and attempted to block the road with overturned garbage cans, until police dispersed them with tear gas. No injuries or arrests were reported.

Mordechai warns **Lebanese Army:** Don't shoot at IDF

By DAVID RUDGE and BATSHEYA TSUR

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai warned yesterday that fire would be returned at the Lebanese Army, it its soldiers shoot at the IDF.

On a visit to front-line troops in the security zone. Mordechai said that in those incidents in which the Lebanese Army opens fire at our forces, on the ground, fired upon."

Therefore Lebanese Army not to participate in the activities that are takiog place in Lehanoo," Mordechai said.

According to the army's intel-ligeoce chief, OC Military Intelligeoce Maj.-Geo. Mosbe Ya'aloo, the Lehanese Army has begun openiog ground fire at IDF and SLA forces during the latest clashes io south Lebanon. He told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday that Lebanese Army forces have also been directing anti-aircraft fire at. Israeli

Accompanied by Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin Shahak, OC Northern Command Maj. Gen. Amiram Levine, and the IDF's commander in Lebanon Brig. Gen. Eli Amilai, Mordechai also met with Sooth Lehanese Army commander Gen. Antoine Lahad and SLA officers.

On a visit to the IDF's Ishiveh positioo io the eastern sector. Mordecbai reiterated the importance of the security zooe and the oeed for the IDF's presence

He told reporters he was not aware of any concrete steps to resume talks between Israel and Syria, but that such moves would he welcome ooce the Syrians agreed to discuss the issues on the agenda.

Mordechai said oegotiatioos were continuing through the International Red Cross over the return of the body of Third Petty Officer Itamar Ilya, who was killed io the hotched oaval eommando raid deep inside Lebanoo

on September 5. --During Mordechai's visit to the zone, Hizbullah guomen opened fire with mortars and

light weapoos at IDF troops in the eastern sector. There were no casualties and IDF gunners returned fire.

Afterwards, Mordechai visited IDF troops on the Mt. Hermon "snow", position to review the state of readiness in the area.

"In parallel to the efforts we are making to resume talks with Syria and try to reach a peace accord, it is essential for IDF forces to maintain a high state of alert and readiness in general and in the Hermon area in partieular," said Mordechai.

In the afternoon, Mordechai visited Mughar village in lower Galilee, to see the family of field doctor Maj. Maher Dagbash, who was killed in the aborted oaval raid.

Daghash, 26, was part of a rescue unit sent to the scene. He was killed while trying to treat the casualties.

"We have oo alternative but to extend the band of peace, which we are doing everyday to the Syrians, the Lebanese and the Palestinians. We want to achieve peace, but we also want to achieve life and security for all of us - all resideots of Israel." Mordecbai said.

In his briefing to the Knesset committee, Ya'aloo also said that Hizbullah was following the internal dehate in Israel over ealls for a withdrawal from Lehanoo. He added that despite the latest clashes, the guerrillas weren't changing their tactics or eommitmeots to the Grapes of

Wrath agreemeots. He said that that Syria was oot ioterested, at this stage, in a unilateral Israeli withdrawal because this would be perceived as a Hizbullah vietory.



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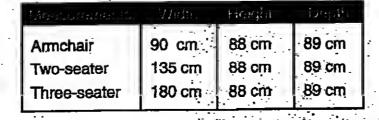
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Young Israel joins anti-Indyk campaign

The Zionist Organization of America, the National Council of Young Israel and the Jewish War Veterans are opposing Martin Indyk as assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs, but his comination will probably be confirmed this week by a Senate committee, sources said yesterday.

Indyk, the US envoy to Israel, has wide support in other parts of the Jewish community. His approval is expected in spite of President Bill Clinton's opposition to Senate efforts to move the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Marilyn Henry

Education Ministry blasts Treasury

Education Ministry Director-General Benzion Dell yesterday expressed disappointment with the Secondary School Teachers Association's decision not to accompany school trips, thereby preventing many such trips from taking place so far this school

Dell said the current system in which government ministries do not have the authority to act regarding wage agreements limits what his and other ministries can do in such cases. "The Education Ministry, which is the largest employer in the economy with some 100,000 employees, cannot pay a single agora to anyone without the Finance Ministry's approval," he said. *Itim* Havel tells press conference:

Netanyahu sincere about peace

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and BATSHEYA TSUR

Czech Republic President Vaclav Havel asserted yesterday Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is interested in advancing the peace

"My impression is that Prime Minister Netanyahu wants to continue the peace process and achieve a reconciliation with the neighboring countries. Maybe the methods of the talks and the rules will be different from Netanyahu's predecessors, but it's certainly not true that he is not interested in peace," Havel said.

Havel spoke at a joint press conference with Netanyahu, after signing an extensive investment protection agreement between Israel and the Czech Republic. The two leaders spent Havel's second day in Israel in private talks focusing on the peace process.

Speaking at a state dinner which he hosted last night for Czech pres-ident Vatzlav Havel, President Ezer Weizman said: "The legacy of the late Yitzhak Rabin and Anwar Sadat commands us to find a way to bring peace to the region." Turning to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who was also present. Weitzman added: "I pray that our prime minister will bring the fulfillment of the legacy of these two

great leaders." Havel said that the Czech



PM Binyamin Netanyahu gestures to Czech President Vaclav Havel during their joint press conference yesterday.

Republic which had supported Israel with arms in its struggle for independence would now extend full political support in the search

Netanyahu said Havel's "achievements for humanity in Central Europe have radiated throughout the world and have been one of the main forces that brought about the collapse

new era of hope for all of us, and I think what we're trying to do today is to seize the future together."

Netanyahu suggested there may come on the scene.

of totalizarianism. This has brought a be an increased role for European nations once the faltering peace process is back on track and a figure such as Hsvel would be wel-

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Nazis smuggled Jewish loot to Latin America – report

BY MARELYN HENRY

NEW YORK - A Brazilian court battle over the legacy of a Germanborn pawnbroker appears to provide the first proof that Jewish assets, stolen by the Nazis, found their way to Latin America, The New York Times reported in yesterday's editions.

The battle in Sao Paulo is over the \$4 million estate of Albert Blume, who died 14 years ago, leaving a formine in watches, rings, gold bars and gold teeth, the Times said.

The Blume case "appears to be the first concrete discovery of a perpetrator's account, which Is where we believe the lion's share of the Jewish wealth was hidden," Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, told the Times.

Rabbi Henry Sobel, who heads the Brazilian commission investigating Nazi war criminals who fled there with Jewish loot, contends that Blume, a member of the conduit for Jewish loot.

Some contend he was holding the loot for Walter Blume, who was convicted at Nuremberg, but whose death sentence was commuted. Albert Blume's aunt, Margarida Blume, has been fighting in court to

claim the fortune. Her nephew's

defenders say that Blume was a

pawnbroker who fled to Brazil to escape Nazi persecution of homosexuals and that the gold was collateral for loans, the newspaper said. The Blume case raises new questions about Operation Odessa, a German plan near the end of World War II to smuggle senior Nazi officials to South America, and why South America provided such a hospitable haven.

The commission led by Sobel, the chief rabbi of Brazil, is trying to determine where Blume's wealth came from A lawver for the Blume family, Fernando Simas, said there was no way to prove the source of the goods, but he acknowledged Nazi Party, was sent to Brazil in that they included gold teeth and

1938 as a spy and became a fillings. Sobel's commission also is reporting on dormant accounts opened by Nazis who fled to Brazil that are worth \$15 million.

The Nazis who found haven in ' South America included Adolf Eichmann, Klaus Barbie and Dr. Josef Mengele.

Blume has been described as a key figure in Operation Odessa. according to research by Ben Abraham, a Holocaust survivor and historian. According to Abraham. Blume's papers include identity documents and Gestapo promotions belonging to Col. Walter Blume, who ordered the destruction of the gheno at Vilnius Walter Blume, who commanded Unit 7-A

of Einsatzgruppe B, said at Notemberg that he killed 200 civilians, the judge estimated 1,000. He was convicted and sentenced to death. That sentence was reduced in 1951 to 25 years, and was reduced further by German judges in 1955. He is thought to have gone to Buenos Aires after he was released. It is not known whether he is alive.

Swiss apologize to 80-year-old Israeli for handover to Nazis

BASEL - The Basel government yesterday apologized to an 80-year-old Holocaust survivor and paid him 50,000 Swiss francs (\$ 34,500) compensation for turning him over to the Nazis during World War IL

The cantonal (state) council disclosed that Basel police had taken Eli Carmel, now an Israeli citizen. to the nearby German border in 1939 and gave him to German police.

Because he was Jewish, the Nazis sent him to Sachsenhausen concentration camp, where he spent the next five years until he was able to emigrate to Palestine.

Basel's president, Veli Vischer, said the government learned of the case when Carmel asked for compeosation earlier this year. "I'm shocked and upset" by the case, said Vischer. The cantonal government said it was convinced it was an isolated

It sent a letter inviting Carmel to visit Basel and accept the apology in person for the action that led to the "severe physical and psychological suffering "he endured.

Carmel was born Hans

Weinberg in Vienna in 1917. He came to Switzerland as a tourist in 1938 to get ready to emigrate to Palestine In July 1939, Swiss federal

authorities ordered his deportation and Carmel appealed. Nonetheless Basel police arrested him on Oct. 25, 1939. after the outbreak of war, and passed him to the German police

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Yeltsin blames Israel for Mideast crisis

MOSCOW - Russian President Boris Yeltsin blamed Israel yesterday for a deadlock in Middle East peace talks and called on the US to pressure Israel to get the process back on track.

Decrying the weak role in the Middle East played by Moscow. which commanded great influence in the region in Soviet times, Yeltsin said that Russia also needed to step up its efforts. The Middle East crisis is con-

tinuiog and it will be very difficult to overcome, largely I think because of Israel's unconstructive position." Yeltsin told a group of reporters after talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. The United States has some

influence on Israel and should work here more actively although we too should do more in this direction," he said. Negotiations have been stalled since March when Minister Binyamin Netanyahu

gave the go-ahead for work to start on Har Homa. US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright criticized both Palestinians and Israelis during u.

visit to Israel last week. Yeltsin, however, rejected allegations that Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat was to blame for recent bomb attacks that

have deepened the crisis. "One should not blame Mr Arafat today for terrorist acts,

that's not serious," he said. He said that, as a co-sponsor, he supported the principle of negotiations based on a "land for peace" formula and that Muharak wanted more Russian involvement in the

peace process. "Russia's presence in the Arab world, and in the Middle East in particular, is clearly insufficient ... We must have a constant high-

level presence there." Yeltsin said. Muharak called on Russian companies to develop other longternt projects, including those in the military, suggesting that Russia help maintain Soviet-built aircraft and other weapons still used by the Egyptian armed

(Reuters)

Mideata

Poll: Ethiopian immigrants want greater integration

About 90 percent of Ethiopian Jewish immigrants who graduated from state religious high schools would be willing for their children to intermarry with other Israelis, a survey conducted for the Education Ministry shows.

The survey, released yesterday, covered a random sample of 120 graduates of five years ago. Most had immigrated in the mid-1980's

as part of Operation Moses. Dr. Shalva Weill, senior researcher at Hebrew University's National Council of Jewish Winnen Research Institute for Innovation in Education, said the data indicates a strong desire among Ethiopians to integrate into

Israeli society.

"I hope that the policy makers and particularly the Ministry of Education will be able to learn from the research and improve the education they give to Ethiopian Jews," she said.

The findings included the fol-

lowing:

• 84% completed 12th grade, as opposed to 72% in the general population, indicating a low dropout level among Ethiopians.

• Only 15% said they camed matriculation certificates, as opposed to 30% in the overall pop-

• 52% were satisfied with their education, while 27% were not. · Half complained about the cur-

riculum's absence of material on Ethiopian life. 56% have served in the IDF. · All had married other Ethiomarried a member of the Bnei Israel community from India.

Half said however, that they would have been willing to marry other Israelis. Almost all said they would be willing for their children to intermarry with other Israelis.

· A third are unemployed, while more than half work as skilled or unskilled laborers.

• 41% including some married couples, live with parents, and only 18.5% have their own apart-

 59% reported they had not visited a non-Ethiopian Israeli friend in their last year of school. 81% rejected the suggestion

that any neighbors disliked them because of their skin color, while 19.5% reported experiencing incidents of discrimination. From a mainstream religious

viewpoint, the graduates became more secular, with 68% not traveling on Shabbat as compared to 84% while at school.

But the graduates remained more loyal to Ethiopian customs such as eating cold food on Shabbat and not eating yogurt on Passover. Education Minister Zevulun

Hammer said yesterday that priority would continue to be given to closing gaps between Ethiopian and other Israeli pupils.
He said that NIS 34 million were

being invested toward this goal. Some 17,000 Ethiopian pupils receive special assistance, and Ambaric language textbooks are being prepared

Dozens of needy Ethiopian families recently received personal computers, a ministry spokesman pians, except for one woman who



With the approach of the Rosh Hashanah holiday, volunteers for Ilah, an Israeli organization that helps the handicapped, and Equilbri, a volunteer group founded in France, hand oot packages of staples such as flour, sugar and rice to the elderly and handicapped yesterday in the Katamon section of Jerusalem.

Stolen Torah scrolls held in Jordan

Samaritans told to pay \$1m. ransom

Two members of the Nablus Samaritan community have seen Torah manuscripts stolen from their synagogue for ransom twn and a half years ago, in a home in

The dramatic story began in March 1995 when early morning worshippers arrived for prayers, only to find that the synagogue had been broken into and the two Torah manuscripts, one in the form of a scroll, the other a bound codex. missing. Members of the community contacted both the Israeli and Palestinian Authority security forces to no avail.

Samaritans hold the Torah, but no other part of the Bible, sacred. They number under 600 in Nablus, near Mount Gerizim, and in Hulon.

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat succeeded in getting the thieves to reduce their demand from \$7 million to \$2 million and learned that the manuscripts had been smuggled into Jordan, where a member of the Nablus Samaritan community was allowed to view them briefly in the back seat of a car.

Last month, Shalom, the son of the Samariatan High Priest, was allowed to view the scroll and manuscript in a home in Amman. The

thieves also told the Samaritans that they were lowering the ransom demand to \$ 1 million.

Shalom, son of the High Priest Amram Hacohen, who holds the seat reserved for a Samaritan on the Palestinian legislative council, told the Samaritan hi-monthly AB that he was contacted by the thieves in his hotel room. Together with another non-Samaritan member of the council he was taken to a home somewhere in Amman.

A masked man led them to a room, told them to sit down and left. A few minutes later he reentered the room and put down a small suitcase between the two. Only a few minutes later when the masked man again came in and told them to open the suitcase did they dare to do so.

They opened the case to find the two manuscripts intact, although a few pieces of parchment had broken off from the scroll and were lying in the bottom of the suitcase. After half an hour, the masked man again appeared, shut the suitcase and took it away.

The next day, the two reported the incident to the Jordanian security forces, who told them that the Jordanian police had not ceased their own efforts to recover the manuscripts for the Samaritans.

Campaign under way to give Israel seat on **UN Security Council**

"Why is it that [Iran, Cuba, Libya, North Korea, Sudan and geographical group until it is able Syria], all cited by the US State Department as sponsors of terrorterms on the Security Council, yet Israel, a democratic nation and member of the UN since 1950, is not?" asked an advertisement sponsored by the American Jewish Committee, appearing in national and international newspapers yes-

As the 52nd General Assembly opens this week the ad urges an end to discrimination against Israel at the UN.

Israel is excluded from a seat on the Security Council and other key UN bodies because it is not a member of one of the regional groups through which the rotating candidates for these councils are-

chosen. Israel has been seeking temporary admission to the "Western European and Others" to become part of its natural regional bloc, the Arab Group.

The New York Times as government leaders from more than 160 nations were in Manbattan for the opening of the UN assembly. Foreign Minister David Levy is scheduled to address the assembly next Monday. The ad features two vertical columns. One column, titled "Countries eligible to sit on the United Nations Security Council," lists 184 member states, including Iran, Cuba, Libya, North Korea, Sudan and Syria, all cited as sponsors of terrorism by the State Department. The second col-umn — "Countries not eligible to sit on the United Nations Security Council" — lists one state, Israel.

Four arrested in health fund scam

By JUDY SIEGEL

Acre police have arrested four sales agents contracted by Knpat Holim Leumit on suspicion of having transferred thousands of Kupat Holim Clalit members to Leurnit without the members' permission, a Cialit spokeswoman said yesterday.

The four, including three women

and a man from Nazareth and Magar, are accused of calling people and introducing themselves as staff of the Central Bureau of Statistics or the National Insurance Institute.

They would allegedly ask for identity card numbers and other personal details and use them to fill out forms to transfer the person's membership to Leumit, without their knowledge.

The suspects, whose names weren't given, were arrested Monday night and brought yesterday before the magistrates' court, which extended their detention for

The four were allegedly hired by

Kupat Holim Leumit to try to attract new members to the fund, but they weren't authorized to resort to such means.

Clalit officials said they would ask the NII not to honor the forms it receives through the end of October for transferring members to Leumit, until the matter is sort-

The fund also plans to publish advertisements warning members about such tricks. Health Minister Yehoshua

Matza is in the process of amending a law that would make such fraud impossible by requiring anyone who wants to change health fund membership to file a form at

The change is expected to go into effect on January 1. In the meantime health funds are actively competing with one another, with some funds offering cash prizes and coupons to try and win new members: Millions of shekels have been spent on such incentives in the last two and a half

IMA boycotts government

By JUDY SIEGEL

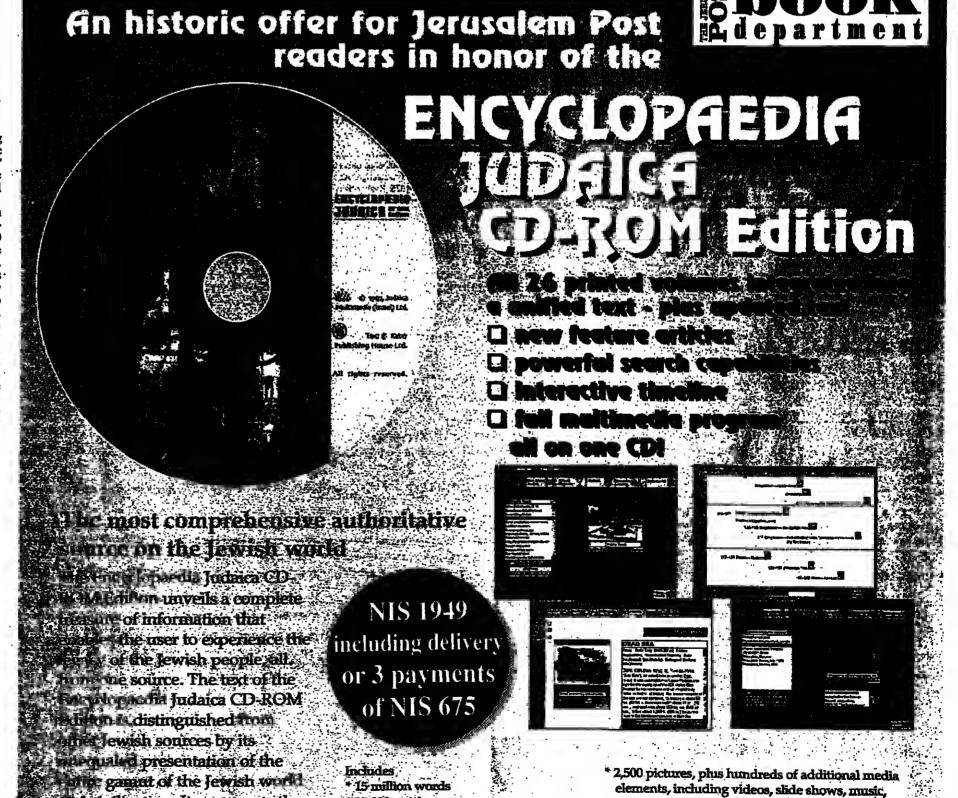
The Israel Medical Association decided at an emergency meeting yesterday to sever contact with government offices until an agreement is honored adding doctors' positions at public hos-

IMA chairman Dr. Yoram Blachar accused the government of creating "a lack of confidence" by reneging on the agreement signed last March, which called for adding 360 jobs to public hospitals over the next

As a result of the IMA's deci-

sion, doctors will not participate in any forums with the Health and Finance Ministries, including national advisory councils that counsel the health minister on professional matters, qualitycontrol committees and bodies that help prepare legislation.

Meanwhile, the cabinet will hold a special meeting on the health system funding crisis at 11 a.m. today. Yesterday's sanctions, which canceled non-emergency operations in the center of the country, will not be repeated anywhere today. However, the IMA said sanctions will resume next Sunday through Tuesday.



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Vorster Heads for Museum

A bust of John Vorster, tha last overseer of aparthied in South Africa, is removed from outside Johannesburg Central Police Station, formerly known as John Vorster Square, this week. The bust had been in the staion since 1968, when the staion was officially opened by Vorster, then prime minister. The bust will now be placed in a police museum.

Melbourne's glitzy facelift

Australia's 'second city' is about to transform with a glitzy waterfront which may sport the world's tallest tower

By MARK BENDEICH

MELBOURNE — Australia's second-biggest city, Melbourne, plans to upstage its old rival Sydney with a AS2.5 billion (USS1.8b.) waterfront face-lift which could include the world's

The southern city, an industrial center bereft of the sparkling waters and spectacular rock escarpments of Sydney, has already enticed developers to start work on what is billed as the world's boldest privately funded waterfront develop-

"Melbourne is going to be transformed," said Chris Marks, of property consultant Jones Lang Wootton. "I don't think the locals have come to grips with it. Melbourne will become a waterfront city."

Methourne's population of over three million scoffs at Sydney as a beautiful but artless city, claiming their own town as a capital of tradition and grace but preferring until now to overlook its derelier wharfs and sad bayside.

The Docklands project, a 2,160-dunam downtown redevelopment, promises to make Melbourne a true waterside

The Docklands Authority, set up by the Victoria state government to oversec the 12-year

project, this month unveiled a short-list of proposals, including a 560-meier tower, film studio, hotels, marina, ari gallery and ice-hockey arena.

Up to 5,000 apartments are also planned, with up to half the entire site zoned residential. A hub for information technology firms and education campuses is also proposed.

Work began this month on the first stage of the project, a A\$435 million, 52,000-seat football stadium being built as a home for Austratian Rules and as a venue for other big sporting contests and mass con-

"It's a fantastic showcase for the Docklands," authority chief executive John Tabari said of the football stadium. "The great thing about it is it will show off the Docklands to every visitor to the stadium.

The stadium is due to open in 2000, in time to stage some Olympic soccer marches, and is being built by a consortium backed by German builder Bilfinger + Berger AG and media groups Seven Network Ltd. and News Corp. The developers for the rest of the Docklands will be chosen

over the next six months.

The most confreversial shortlisted proposal is the t13-story skyscraper dreamed up by local builder Bruno Grollo.

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Lumpur's Petronas Towers. now the tallest at 450 meters and a 460-meter skyscraper under construction in Shanghai. Grollo is, to say the least.

effusive about the project. "What we propose is not just a tall building," he said. "It is an extraordinary and uplifting obelisk-like sculptural form which will have the timelessness and beauty of mankind's great constructions, tike pyramids or the Greek temples."

Many Melbourne locals are

not so sure. "tt probabty doesn't quite fit with the image and the strategy that was first put in place for

the Docklands: the intention was that it would be more a low-rise, urban type of environ-ment. Jones Lang Wootton's Marks said. The vision for Melbourne's

waterfront differs from Sydney's Darling Harbor redevelopment, which turned that city's dereliet dockland into a tourist playground, and borrows from waterfront projects elsewhere, including Cape Town, Baltimore and London.

Melbourne's project is rare in that not one taxpayer dollar is being counted on, the authorily's Tabart said.

Consortia lining up to devel-op the site include well-known local developers Hudson

It would overshadow Kuala Conway Ltd. and Mirvac Ltd., New Zealand investor Brierley Investments Ltd. and Australian merchant bank Macquarie

Bank. One consortium, Entertainment City 2000, wants to huild an adventure theme park, working. film studio and 20-sereen cinema "megaplex" on the site. It is backed by US emeriainment giant Viacom Inc., owner of

Paramount Studios. Another consortium is backed by Malaysian groups I3M Corp. Bhd, Austral Amalgamated Bhd and Land and General Bhd.

The entire site is to be developed in stages and is split into five precincts. Two consortia have been short-listed for each

The lack of government backing leaves the developers with all the risk that their developments may flop, and the authority has insisted proposals are strongly backed with

We look at the demand projected by the developers that win, but at the end of the day if someone makes a mistake, that's inevitable over the life of a project this size," Tabart

"We may well see a lot of successes and we may well see a failure, but that's life. Overall the development is sound."

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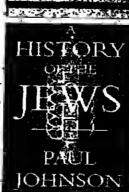
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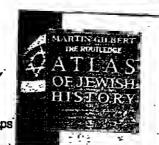
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Will America's bison survive the winter?

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK - Autumn has just begun, but at Yellowstone National Park they are already beginning to worry about the coming winter and prospects for death.

As the world's first national park celebrates its 125th anniversary, and tourists return home with memories of seeing

Old Faithful and catching a glimpse of the wildlife, officials fear a repeat of the fate that befell wild bison last

heavy then that the animals known American buffalo fled the safety of the park in search of food, roaming onto private lands io Montana

where they were slaughtered. Ranchers, who were terrified the bison would infect their cartle with a deadly disease, insisted that they be shot as they migrated from the park, angering wildlife lovers. The buffalo population dropped from 3,500 in 1996 to 2,169 at the most recent counting, park spokeswoman Cheryl Matthews

The state of Montana was severely criticized for insisting on the killing, as it was entitled to do under a wildtife management plan even though the bison are a treasured symbol of the Old West that once were almost extinct.

Environmentalists expressed shock that the toll - the most killed in the park in nearly 10 years - was so high, Snowpack was 200 percent above oormal last winter and ice developed when freezing temperatures followed January rains.

Bison can use their big heads to sweep the snow away to find food but cannot cut through the ice. Matthews said.

When food disappears, the bison move from the high plateau of the 2.2 million acre park north to lower elevations. But that route takes them out of the park and onto private lands, park wildlife biologist John Mack explained.

That is when the trouble began. Montana ranchers, fearing that the wild bison could carry brucellosis and infect their cattle, insisted the state take action. Brucellosis is a dreaded disease that causes spontaneous abortions in cattle.

Montana has worked hard to achieve brucellosis-free status and was not about to see it disappear. While environmentalists argue that there is little chance the bison

could pass the disease on to cattle, state officials were skittish and the

shooting began. Now officials from five state and federal agencies have been working on a permanent hison wildlife management plan and have agreed on certain principles. The draft environmental impact

statement, which wilt deal with managing the brucellosis threat. is scheduled to be released on October

A period of public meaning the plan will not go into effect for several months after that, well into the winter season. Until the plan is adopted, the interim plan

remains in place, Matthews said, While details are not available. officials from Montant, the t National Park Service, the US Forest Service and the Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service have agreed on several options.

Bison that leave the park but test negative for the disease would be captured and quarantined before being resettled.

Buffalo hunting would be allowed in certain situations and the animals would be vaccinated

wheo a vaccine is developed. Park rangers can also try to herd the bison back into the park, but

pushing around an omery (900 kg) animal is no easy task. As officials try to figure out what to do if the coming winter is as severe as the 1996-97 season. the National Parks and Conservation Association is trying to calm the waters. It is promoting

a "Bison Belong" campaign aimed

at winoing support from mer-

chants near the park who support the animal. There's a great interest in the bison as a symbol of the American West. People relate to this animal," said Mark Peterson, who heads up the group's Rocky Mountain region.

Don Kast, who owns the Willow Creek Gallery in Willow Creek, Moniana, said clients ask about the "Bison Belong" decal in his window and about how they can support the group.

Kast runs the fly fishing supply and art gallery with his wife, Maren. They are painters who also represent other artists in southwestern Montana. "I get to fish all day and paint all night," he said, "and I believe the buffalo belong."

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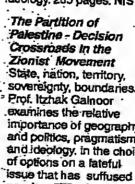
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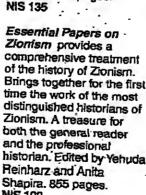
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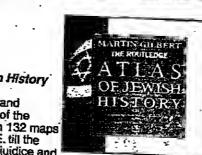
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Unionists, Sinn Fein meet for the first time since 1921

Ireland's most implacable opponents faced each other over a negodating table for the first time yesterday in a meeting Britain hopes will prepare the way for all-party talks.

The only business on the day's agenda, however, was the Ulster Unionist Party's demand that the Sinn Fein Party be thrown out of the talks, because of its links to the Irish Republican Army.

The men of violence have no place at the table of democracy," Ulster Unionist lawmaker Ken Maginnis told reporters after the

Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam, the senior British official in the province, will have to decide whether to accept or reject the unionist challenge to Sinn Fein's participation in the talks. The govenment, however, has gone to great lengths to draw Sinn Fein into the process and to keep the Ulster Unionists involved as well.

David Trimhle, leader of Ulster Unionists, cited the Irish Republican Army's publicly expressed "problems" with the basic tenets of the talks - the Mitchell Principles of non-violence.

He stressed that his party "was not io direct contact with Sinn Fein" at the meeting. But the Ulster Unionists also said they would remain in the multi-party talks even if they failed to get Sinn Fein

We will be there again and again and again - until they are sick of the sight of us - to confront the evil of the IRA," Maginnis said before the

meeting.

Mowlam said she was hoping for progress.
This afternoon we will have

round the table loyalists, republi-. cans, nationalists, and unionists,"

"We aim to move forward towards substantive negotiations as soon as possible, and today's another step in that direction." John



Ulster Unionist David Trimble (left) leaves the Stormont peace talks yesterday with fellow unionist member Ken Maginnis (center), after meeting with Sinn Fein.

Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, Sinn Fein's moderate rival for Catholic votes, said he believes Sinn Fein is genuinely committed to the peace

"We have got to the stage now where all the major parties are here. No one could have forecast that a few years ago," he said. "Now let's get down to sorting out our differences." Arriving with Adams for the talks. Sinn Fein negotiator Lucilita Bhreatnach said the Ulster Unionist attack was a "distraction," but she

welcomed Trimble's presence in the negotiating room.

The real interest is whether David Trimble is prepared to move into real peace talks," she said. Although Adams and Trimble have never exchanged a word, Ulster Unionist Party colleagues

have sat down with Adams and other Sinn Fein leaders. Ken Maginnis has taken part in an American TV debate with Adams, and a few weeks ago he debated with Sinn Fein chief negotiator Martin McGuinness in Belfast.

ejected, Trimble has called on Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionists and United Kingdom Unionist Robert McCartney - who are boycotting the talks because of Sinn Fein's presence - to rejoin the talks to maintain a strong Protestant presence.

Sinn Fein had been barred from the talks, which started in June 1996, because of continuing IRA violence. An earlier IRA cease-fire ended in February 1996 with a bomb blast in east London.

Despite his efforts to get Sinn Fein have been officially abiding by their own cease-fire.

The Ulster Unionists have hlamed the IRA for the bombing of a police station in the town of Markethill, 55 kms southwest of Belfast a week ago. An anonymous caller claiming to speak for the little-known splinter group Coninutity Army Council claimed responsibility for the blast, in which no one was injured.

Paisley said yesterday the Ulster Unionists were endangering Northern Ireland's place within the So far, Protestant paramilitaries union by talking to Sinn Fein. (AP)

The philosopher king returns to Israel

conviction that something will turn out well, hut the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns lady gave me a bouquet of

Vaclav Havel may be one of the most quoted presidents on earth. He certainly is one of the few worth listening to. In the world nf the mighty sound hite - with all the

ioteliectual satisfaction of its close relative the burger hite -Havel is one of the world's few leaders whose speeches remain an event that command rapt atten-

It is not just the drawing power of an excellent writer turned politician. It is the drawing power of a man who has had to live the

ten, and whose words have changed the history of his

Vaclay Havel sitting over a beer outside the Cafe Atara ou Ben Yehuda Street yesterday was not just another visiting politician making a gesture on camera with minimum risk. Havel has that solid authority about him that makes people believe he would not be moved if a terrorist walked right op to him.

"If you want to have peace, you have to have courage," said Havel. It means something - coming from a man who sat in jail for principles, whose personality inspired a nation to velvet revolution for freedom, and who presided over the sad hut peaceful division of his country into two

Haunted

A country sometimes does raise a person seemingly predestined to lead his people through fateful moments. As the British found Winston Churchill, so Czechoslovakia found Vaclav Havel and raised him from a prison cell to Hradcany Castle presidential suite almost overnight.

But there was a moment in July 1992, when the victory of the petty over the ideal seemed to step out of one of Havel's own plays. Havel the velvet revolutionary was pettily rejected for re-election to the presidency by his own parliameot - the Slovak depoties still there voted against him. It was an ironic return of

"long-forgotten history coming back to haunt us," that he himself had writteo about. It was a reminder of the prophet rejected by his own - there would have been no free democratic Czecholsovakia to be split freely and democratically into Slovakia and the Czech Republic without Havel's guiding light.

Costly bougnet

Havel had been hailed in the West as a true philosopherking straight out of Plato, a leader of whom not only his country but the free world should be proud. Possessed of a self-mocking humor, he is the modest, easy-going type

"Hope is definitely not the same as optimism. It is not the dislike. So it was with some sad disbelief that he said of a visit to the Slovak capital, Bratislava at that time: "A flowers and she was beaten in the street for doing so."

It was long ago observed that Havel's plays are steeped in the absurd because, so often in his life, he has found himself liv-

ing it. A clue to

"Certainly not

because he rep-

his fierce adherence to dissent Column One for 22 years can be found in his writing about Alexander Solzheoitsyn. "Why was Snlzhenitsyn driven out of his country?" Havel Power of the Powerless.

> resented a unit of real power. His expulsion was something else: a desperate attempt to plug up the dreadful wellspring of truth."

Thomas O'Dwyer

Havel speaks a language we no longer hear from national leaders - thoughtful, visionary, perceptive. Hardly surprising from oue whose early valume of satirical verses, Anticodes, mocked accepted political language. "There is oo doubt that distrust of words is less harmful than unwarranted trust in them," he warned after becoming an elected politician. Havel must have been the one least surprised to fall victim to eastern Europe's new nationalist absurdities. At least it wasn't a vile Bosnian

Kibbutz Masaryk

Havel came first to Israel in 1990, as the European Communism collapsed, "to correct an historic wrong." Part of the attraction Israel had for Havel was his mission to wipe out the Stalinist view of history. He spoke of the 1,000-year history of the Jewish community in Czechoslovakia. He did not shy away from the role of anti-semitism in that past; yet he also recalled that his country was one of the few that stood by the

infant State of Israel in 1948. occurred at the end of his visit to Kibbotz Masaryk, named after the first Czechoslovak president who came to Israel in 1927. As the Modus Brass Quintet played Czechoslovak national anthem, the audience softly

began singing the words. It was an emotive echo of the Velvet Revolution, of the romantic scenes of joyous flag-wavers in Wenceslas Square, weeping and singing at the birth of freedom while a chanted idee fixe was tossed from group to group: "Havel to the Castle. Havel to the Castle."

The deputy director-general of the foreign ministry at the time, Yosef Govrin, deftly caught the spirit of Havel's

"This is not a visit for signing agreements," he said. "Its importance is that such a man is here."

New Russia-NATO forum to meet this week in NY plutonium ban

MOSCOW - Russia, still wary of NATO despite a new security agreement, is looking to the defense alliance to prove its commitment to their oew partnership at talks scheduled to begin in New York this week.

The first full meeting on Friday of the Joiot Permanent Council, created under the agreement signed by NATO and Russia last May io Paris, is seen in Moscow as a test of how far NATO is ready to go to create a genuine partnership.

This meeting will set the pattern for all the following meetsaid Andrei Piontkovsky. head of Moscow's Centre for Strategic Studies.

Whether the Paris agreement is followed by anything serious or not depends very much on the policies shown at the Joint Permanent Council." The Founding Act signed in Paris was hailed as the start of a new era in relations between the former

Moscow's fears over the North Atlantic Treaty Organizatioo's eastward expansion, a process which began when NATO offered membership to Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary at a sommit of the alliance in Madrid in

Uoder the Founding Act, Russia was offered a say but oot a veto in some NATO affairs through the creation of the Joint Permaneot Council, presided over hy three officials, two of whom represent NATO and one

Friday's meeting, the council's first full talks at the level of foreign ministers, will focus on issues such as the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina and peace-

keeping operations. Russia will be represented by Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov.

Jost as important for Russia will be the agenda agreed for future meetings and how much NATO is ready to take into consideratioo Moscow's views

There is a feeling in Moscow It was intended partly to ease that NATO may try to limit coop-

let Russia influence decisions too much." said Alexei Pushkov, a foreign affairs commentator for the weekly Moscow News news-

paper.
The fulfillment of the Paris agreement depends much more on NATO than Russia. If Russia gets no significant influence in the work NATO does, if it gets little out of the Paris agreement, NATO expansion could become a burning issue here again." Anti-NATO rhetoric has eased in Moscow, but not died.

The opposition communists and nationalists have not been fully reconciled to cooperation with NATO and mistrust remains.

Some nationalists have been regularly demonstrating outside the embassies of NATO member states in Moscow. Military exercises involving

NATO and non-member Ukraine in the Black Sea this summer did nothing to improve the atmosphere and highlighted Russia's sensitivity to the alliance's overtures to former Soviet republics. (Reuters)

US, Russia okay

yesterday aimed at halting the production of weapons-grade plutonium. US Vice President Al Gore

"After much hard work we took an important, perhaps even historic step this week when we reached an agreement to halt the production of weapons-grade plutonium in both the United States and Russia," Gore told reporters after meeting Russian Minister

Under the deal Russia undertook to convert with US assistance its three phitonium production reactors to civilian use by the year 2000 and promised out to restart another 10 such reactors already shut.

Washington promised not to restart its 14 plutonium production reactors shut down by 1989. The sides agreed on a monitoring regime to ensure that the agreement is not violated.

"By ending the production of plutonium at these sites the agreement makes a major contribution to the advancement of our non-proliferation interests," Gore said.

Halting the production of such

MOSCOW - The United States material is seen as the next priority in the nuclear field oow that Russia and the US are edging towards cuts in strategie arsenals. In July Russian President Boris Yeltsin ordered the creation of a working group to report on what to do with

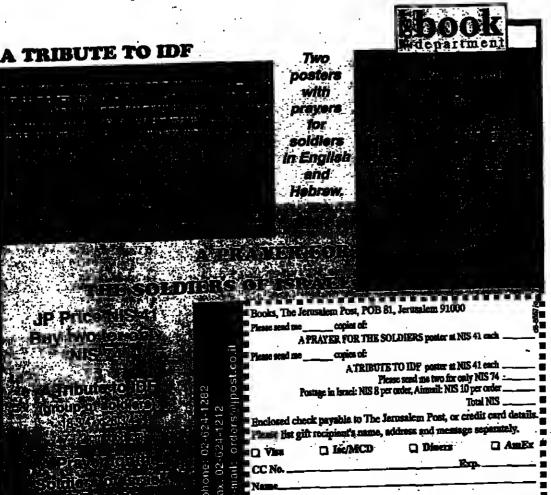
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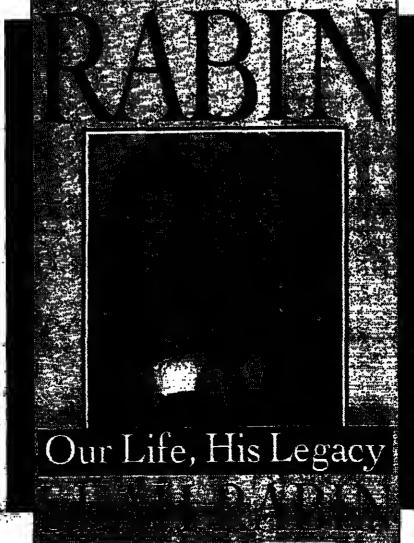
October 15. Western governments have been concerned since the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991 that ouclear materials could be stolen in the former East hloc, putting atomic bombs within reach of non-nuclear

The world's main disarmament forum, the United Nations-sponsored Conference on Disarmament, ended its 1997 session earlier this month with little progress, including on the production of weaponsgrade fissile material like plutonium and highly-enriched uranium.

The two countries did not agree, however, on Russia's commitments to Iran to build a nuclear power plant, which has alarmed the US. "It is obvious that there is a vigor-

ous effort by Iran to obtain the technologies it needs to build a ballistic missile and to huild nuclear weapons," Gore said. (Reuters)





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The innovation is not in any of the components, but in the conception that the final settlement most apply not only to relations

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The solution is symmetrical

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Beyond Islamic violence

in the midst of a period of Arab and Islamic agitation against Israel, Israel's image among the masses in the Arab world is at a new nadir, with many applauding attacks against Israel ranging from Hizbullah fighters striking IDF targets, to Hamas extremists blowing themselves up in the streets of Jerusalem, to Jordanian gunmen opening fire at Israelis across the river. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has refused to pardon Israeli Druse businessman Azzam Azzam, who was sentenced by an Egyptian court to 15 years in prison on a charge of spying for Israel, because Mubarak felt slighted by what be termed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's "insult" to the Egyptian judicial system. Actions which have oo direct bearing on Israel are being blamed on the state of Arab-Israeli relations, such as the sbooting of German tourists in Cairo last week, which was committed by Islamic extremists as supposed revenge against Israel.

The events in Jordan and Egypt are the most immediately disturbing, because these are the two Arab states with which Israel bas signed peace agreements intended to bring about normal relations. Responsibility for the shooting on Monday of two Israeli Embassy security guards in Amman was claimed by an unknown Islamic group, which warned of more attacks to come. Although Jordanian Interior Minister Nazir Rasheed dismissed the claim, the possibility that there is an emerging Islamic group in Jordan dedicated to attacking Israeli targets should not be discounted.

The peace agreement between Jordan and Israel has not been tremendously popular in Jordan, where there has always been a palpable sense on the street that it was an arrangement "imposed from above." More than anything else, this actually reflects internal Jordanian tensions between Palestinians in Jordan and the "original Jordanians," who bave their roots on the east bank of the Jordan River. The Palestinians there, who are closely attuned to what is bappening to their brethren in the West Bank, are in many senses second-tier citizens, with most of the top official, bureaucratic, and royal court positions reserved for East

Bankers. The East Bankers, in turn, fear that either the peace process will eventually lead to some form of union between the East and West Banks, giving Palestinians a huge majority in Jordan that would be translated into political power, or alternatively that the collapse of the peace process will lead to Palestinian tensions that will cross the river. Add to this the fact that Jordanian opinion has traditionally been known to bend with the winds of Arab world opinion, it is clear why many Jordanians at best hold

cautious attitudes about relations with Israel. The Islamic element in Jordan is even more

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Amotz Asa-El lost his cool in his

anti-Moskowitz article, "A Tragedy

Named Moskowitz" (September

19). Mr. Moskowitz is one of tens

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There can be little doubt that we are now complicated. For many decades, Islamic extremists in Jordan have been kept in check by a two-pronged policy carried out by the royal court: on the one hand, the Moslem Brotherhood was granted relatively broad political leeway to spread its message and conduct political activities, while on the other hand any tendencies towards violence were efficiently nipped in the bud by the Jordanian security ser-

vices. This had the effect of making the Islamic groups in Jordan among the mildest in the Middle East. The tensions in the Israel-Palestinian Authority-Hamas relationship. however, have spilled over to Islamic groups in Amman, which have been showing disturbing signs of tending towards more violent activities. It remains to be seen whether the shooting of the Israeli Embassy guards is a sign of a new period of Islamic activism in Jordan, but King Hussein is certainly facing a growing challenge to which he must respond.

The peace agreement with Egypt has always been a cold one, reflecting Egyptian wariness that Israel could threaten the preeminent regional positioo Egypt wants reserved for itself. For example, during a recent visit of Turkish government officials to Egypt, the Egyptian hosts were most concerned about Israeli-Turkish military exercises. The fear that Israel intends on obtaining a hegemonic position in the region by way of economic domination is never far from the surface in Egypt. and it is possible that the sentencing of Azzam. along with recent lesser harassment of other Israeli businesspeople, is meant as a warning to Israeli business interests to keep away from

It should not be concluded from all this that Israel's position is a retreat to the situation of 20 years ago. On the contrary, Israel is now inextricably intertwined in Middle East politics in a way that was unimaginable in the past, as evidenced in the fact that King Hussein felt obliged to personally express his regrets to Netanyahu for the attack oo the embassy guards and agreed to an IDF role in seeking the perpetrators.

The more moderate interests in countries such as Jordan and Egypt recognize that fighting extremism and expanding economically will involve cooperation with Israel. The most significant aspect of this week's Arab League conference was the suppression of a motion to boycott an upcoming economic summit meeting in Qatar to be attended by Israel.

Israel's leadership should never allow Islamic violence to push it to make concessions on vital interests. Instead, the correct response should be to reach out to those in the Arab world who have an interest in cooperating to fight terrorism and to build a better economic future in the

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HARVEY A. CHESTERMAN

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YEHUDA S. RABINOWITZ,

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Test of leadership

So Humpty Dumpty has ont yet been put together again. That miracle bas not yet occurred, and those who had expected it during Madeleine Albright's receoi visit are disarpointed. Yet it would be a mistake to write off the visit as a complete failure. Far from it. Given the deep freeze in which the peace process has been committed. given the long stalemate which has kept Israeli and Palestinian negotiators apart, even the oniest of moves must be considered as

According to American officials who accompanied the secretary of state. Arafat is now willing to take action against terrorist infrastructure more seriously than he had in the past. Publicly, he will continue to say that be will not bow to Israeli 'dictates" - he, too, has a public opinion of which be has to take note. But quietly, if these American officials are to be believed, he will be making much more stringent moves than he has in the past against extremist elements.

If this is the case, and the Americans decide that Arafat is now making maximum efforts to curtail terrorism, then both Arafat and the Americans will be expecting a quid pro quo from Israel. Albright made it very clear what she is expecting from Israel if Arafat on his side delivers: an end to settlement expansion, to land expropriation, to ID confiscations, to bouses destroyed, to acts affecting the peace process committed without prior consultaoon "with the other side."

Above all, she expects Israel to implement the articles of the Oslo Accords which she continues to eonsider as the foundation stone on which the entire peace process rests. It will be the Americans, and not Israel, who will decide if Arafat is making maximum effort or not, and it will be the Americans who will then be comDAVID KIMCHE

ing to Israel demanding concomi-

THIS sceoario, more than any other, should make it plain to Arafat how much he stands to gain - or lose - by his actions on secunty and terrorism. Similarly, however, our government must also consider the consequences of lack of suitable reciprocation on its part if Arafat does, indeed satisfy

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American demands.

Not only will such a situation create a deep and damaging crisis of confidence between the United States and Israel, with all that such a crisis could pertain for Israel, but it would also cause an even greater rift between the government and the people of Israel. For the polls show, time and again. that the majority in Israel continue peace process, and whereas at pre-Sent there exists in the minds of the people a certain legitimization for the refusal of the government to continue the peace process as long as the Palestinian Authority does not combat the terrorisi threat sufficiently, this understanding of the government's stand would disappear immediately if Arafat would be given a clean bill of health by the Americans.

continue expanding settlements will not be accepted by the majority in Israel as a legitimate reason to endanger the peace process.

There could, however, be another, more dangerous consequence from a refusal of Israel to implement Oslo after Arufat satisfies the Americans. Such a refusal would place Arafat in an invidious position.

He would be seriously weakened in the eyes of his own people. Any hope still existing in the Palestinian street would be extinguished. Despair can give hirth to violence; total despair could father another indfada on a scale that we have not yet seen. Our own defence establishment estintates that in a situation of total despair the Palestinians would be ready to sacrifice thousands of lives for the sake of reactivating the peace process, in much the same way that Sadat launched the Yom Kippur War knowing he enuld not win militarily, but believing that the war would create a political climate favorable

Albright's visit, if nothing else, made the chnices much clearer for both Israelis and Palestinians. Her demands constitute a test of leadership for both Nctanyahu and Arafat, Arafat can gain - or lose a kingdom by the way he tackles security cooperation and by his action against the terrorist infrastructure. Netanyahu can save the peace process, and gain belated popularity among the majority of his people if he understands that that majority puts peace before settlements. If either, or both leaders fall, the consequences can be terrible for all of us, Israelis and Palestinians.

The writer is a former directorgeneral of the Foreign Ministry and chairman of the Israel Council of Foreign Relations.

Only a simple solution can have stability, as required by the notion of a final settlement

that the Arabs in Galilee recognize the sovereignty of the State of Israel. Therefore, Jews who wish to remain in the West Bank will have to recognize Palestinian sovereignty. We can demand that the Palestinians come to terms with the presence of Jewish residents on their territory, but not with the presence of residents who view themselves as the master,

Have no fear. We are not abandoning the settlers to the foe. They may be subjects of a Palestinian state, but they will remain ejozens of the State of Israel. What will it hurt them to paste stamps with a picture of Arafat's face on their letters? They will be able to work in Israel, to watch Israeli TV in the evening, and of course to elect our mediocre leaders to the

Knesset Nor are we abandoning them in terms of security. We can demand that the responsibility for the security of the settlements and the roads leading to them remain in the hands of the Israeli army as

long as that be necessary.

But let us not forget that the security situation is closely related to the political situation. It only those Jews who recognize the Palestinian state were to remain in the West Bank, then we would soon see that Jews and Arabs can live together there. The Palestinians do not hate every settler for being a Jew. They simply do not want to have neighbors

who seek to rule them. This principle must apply syntmetrically to the Arabs of Israel.The Arabs of Israel who choose to be Palestinian citizens will have a parallel status to that of Jewish settlers: They will be residents enjoying equal rights in all respects saire one - their vote will be cast into the Palestinian hallot box.

On the other hand, any Arab in Israel who chooses Israeli citizenship shall be an Israeli citizen in the full sense of the word. He or she shall be able to vote and be elected to the Knesset, but will also have to enlist for national service or serve in the IDF. A stange idea? Not necessarily. For we are speaking of true peace, of a historic reconciliation. Whoever does not believe in an end to the Jewish-Arab conflict had better not propose plans for a final sentement.

The writer is a freelance writer and trunslator and the son of Yitzhak Sadeh, the founder and first communder of the Palman.

A twofold tragedy

The numbers are against us as a people. The vast majority of Jews are assimilating and intermarrying at a level unequalled in Jewish history. allow the transgressor not to be held accountable for his acts. While Uzi Mesbulam may be a

Ideally, Israel should have been son, he is also a product of these able to provide what the Diaspora kidnappings. They gave him a ban-ner to enlist people to battle under his demagogical leadership. I do not could not: a solution for Diaspora Jews, either as a spiritual center, or for those who want to ensure that by coming on aliya their childreo and grandchildren would remain Jewisb.

But the polarization between secular and religious Israelis has become so acute that there is a real danger that there will be two separately identifiable groups of Jews in Israel, as well as in the

Diaspora. Indeed, some Israeli commentators have suggested, not altogether satirically, that there be two Jewish states - Orthodox Israel should bave its capital in Jerusalem and secular Israel would be based around Tel Aviv.

Sadly, those of us who observe everyday life in Israel know what lies behiod such uothinkable notions.

The eclipse of the old moderate Mizrahi-style Judaism in the Diaspora by the extremist-right wing of Orthodoxy is troubling. Orthodoxy has become radicalized, even excessively rigid. The more narrow, rigid and intolerant interpretations have won out. Even the traditionally tolerant Sephardim have succumbed to the East European maximalist model.

The national religious camp, formerly a bridge between secular and religious Israelis, has become marginalized, concentrating on the political issue of "the land of Israel" to the detrimeor of everything else. The Messianic enthusiasm and euphoria which seized religious Zionists following the Six Day War, has been transformed into triumphalist politics. National religious rabbis and their unquestioning followers have creISI LEIBLER

ated a dangerous brew of religion and politics which bas led to fanaticism and extremism.

FOR their part, secular Israelis bave moved even further away from traditional Jewish core values. The ethnic elements that kept alive Jewish identity in the past have become diluted as memories of the Holocaust and the struggle for building a Ziooist state fade.

To add to all of this, Israel has surrendered to the hedooism of

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the consumer society. In the ceoienary year of Zionism, Macworld -Big Macs and Apple Macs - is winning out over Herzlworld. In Israel's current educational system there is only a very limited scope for transmitting the traditional values of Jewish civilization to the non-observant, or partially observant.

This polarized system in which the haredi-yeshiva and national religious streams are totally cut off from the majority of Israeli Jews, utterly fails to promote respect and tolerance, exacerbating the country's divisiveness.

Instead, we are left with mistrust, suspicion, and widespread contempt on both sides of the religious-secular divide.

Into this atmosphere comes the recent upheaval in Diaspora-Israel

Reform and Conservaove Jews over the cooversion issue. Their protests, and attempts at interveotion into Israeli life, are a reflection of Diaspora Jewry's own anxiety regarding the spiraling assimilation in the Diaspora.

paradoxically, perbaps, most secular Israelis are indifferent to the rights of Reform and Conservative Jews, viewing the movements as Diaspora creations. "Let Reform and Conservative Jews immigrate to Israel," say many secular Israelis, and then they can make demands."

In the meanome, as the cliche goes, the secular Israeli wants the synagogue be doesn't attend to be Orthodox.

Are there any solutions to this awful impasse? Frankly, I see no immediate answers. But clearly, what is desperately needed, is a breathing space, a circuit-breaker. Today there is a crying need for all parties to just pause and declare a truce, to lower the temperature, the voices and the rhetoric.

One admittedly idealistic suggesoon: next year, to mark the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Israel, which for religious Zionists represents atchalta d'geulah, the beginning of our redemption, let us appeal to all Jews to declare a true Yorel, a jubilee year which will be a sabbatical of silence.

Let it be a year when Jews will be at peace among themselves in the Land of Israel, when nobody will say or do anything to change the status quo on "Who is a Jew" or "Who is a Rabbi" - except to agree that at the end of that year we will try to sit down in the spirit of brotherhood and begin talking l'shem shamayim, for the sake of God.

The writer is the chairman of the governing boord of the World Jewish Congress.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ogo: On September 24 1937 The Palestine Post reported that the League of Nations Sixtb (Political) Committee and the League's Assembly concluded their debate

of the Palestine problem. Haifa Port striking dockers 25 years ogo: On September

24, 1972, The Jerusalem Post reported that the US and Israel had agreed that the first priority in the Middle East must be combating Arab terrorism, but that options for negotiations must also

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MOSKOWITZ IS NOT ALONE

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Alexander Zvielli

ALEPH TO TAV

Abus 24, 1997



'Something' and 'nothing' - where fantasy and reality combine.

Adults can learn from children

SHUM DAVAR ("Nothing at All") by Mirik Suir. Illustrated by Elyor Suir. Hakibbutz Hameuhad Publishing House, Ltd. 1997. NIS 35.90. Pages not numbered. Target

other of nine and special education teacher Mirik Snir is not merely aware of the blurring of fantasy and reality in children's minds. This prolific children's author skillfully pays tribute to this quality.

Shum Davar is the story of a child who finds "something" on his way home. As he continues he meets up with a frog, then with a mouse, then with a fly, a snake, a lion, and finally with a man. The boy offers each a peck into his cupped hands, asking if they know what he's caught.

Each animal gives a different answer. The frog says it's a "Kwa Kwa" (Hebrew onomatopoeia for a to her heavy workload.

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serve to soothe young children comhine to make this book a potential hit. The illustrations, painted by the author's 22-year-old daughter, are enchanting. Like the text, the pic-tures combine abstract and concrete in a subtle yet powerful way. The colors are a combination of pastels and deep, rich bues.

The rhyme scheme is simple, easy for children to repeat and learn by heart. The bold letters are helpful for the learning-how-to-read stage.

TUTI KELEV PIRSOMOT ("Advertisement Dog"), by Roni Ganor, Illustrated by Noam Nadav, Hakibbutz Hameuhad Publishing House, Ltd. 1997. 60 pages, Price: NIS 35.90. Target age: 7-10.

Ro'i is an only child. His father spends much of the year researching whales at the North Pole. His mother, a computer-programmer, requires silence in the house at all times due

frog noise); the mouse thinks it's a ... Ro'i is disappointed in his summer ... "tzeetz 'tzeetz', the fly calls it a vacation. He'd had high expecta-

tions of something exciting happening. Before leaving for the North Pole, his father wanted him not to sit around doing nothing, while his mother admonished: "Find something to do with yourself!" But Ro'i finds himself sitting under the tree in his back yard feeling bored and restless, yet unable to get himself to do

anything. Then Ro'i finds a dog which, luckily and surprisingly, his mother allows him to keep. The dog is so shaggy that he resembles a mop (smartut, Hebrew). And so the boy names him Turi

A different kind of shaggy dog story. "zoom zoom," and so on. His last for short. encounter is with a man, who calls out to the boy: "Hey, there's nothing at all in your hands." The boy reach-

es home cradling his "nothing." The young reader - or listener accompanies the hero on his quest for different answers from different

The fact that it is a human adult who declares that the boy is holding "nothing" in his hands is telling, as is the boy's response. While many adults tend to dismiss children's imagination, children do bave their own perception of reality. The little boy may have been told by the adult that he's holding "nothing," but he is no less determined to take "it" home than he was when told it was a

"zoom zoom" or a "kwa kwa." Not only is the child not flustered by the adult's unimaginative statement, he makes the adult appear to be the one who has missed the point. And, of course, we adults all too often do miss the point where children are concerned.

Several elements which usually

What most impresses Ro'i and his mother about the new addition to the household is the dog's good nature. Unlike Ro'i, Tuti is delighted by the small things in life. Unlike Ro'i, Tuti is never bored. When he sees an ad in the paper for a dog to appear in a TV commercial, Ro'i decides to try his luck. Tuti ends up being chosen to advertise cat food, and Ro'i and his dog become famous overnight. They even get invited to appear on a TV talk show.

Ro'i's mother is happy her son has found something to do with himself. Ro'i's father returns from the North Pole and considers taking up researching shaggy dogs instead of whales - a relief to his wife, who

reserits his long absences. Most children will be able to identify with the book's description of boredom, as well as the feeling of playing second fiddle to parents' careers and marital difficulties. As in Shum Davar, here too one gets the feeling that adults have something to learn from children.



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Prince or commoner – everybody feels the pain of losing their mom

he was beautiful and charming; a single mother devoted to her children; a society doyenne who worked tirelessly for charitable causes. On vacation with her boyfriend, she was killed in a car accident. a drunk driver at the wheel.

But her name was oot Diana, and her death provoked oo media storm, spawned no international outpouring of grief.

Terry Leavey Lemons wasn't a princess, just a 40-year-old Los Angeles mother of five, whose children have missed her every

day in the 18 years since she died. It was the first thing we thought about when we heard about Diana," says Karen Lemons, who is 27 now, but was nine years old when her mother was killed.

"My brothers and sister, we all said, 'Remember when Mom died?'... And all we could talk about was those kids and what they must be feeling. Poor Harry and William."

It is mostly over oow, the grand spectacle of mourning that followed the death of Princess Diana. The world has committed her memory to history and her legacy of. charitable good deeds.

But her sons have been left a legacy of another sort - an equal-opportunity legacy, as it were: one shared by millions of children around the world.

They may be solitary princes, William and Harry, but they are hardly alone as mother-less kids. More than 125,000 children and adolescents are left motherless in the US each year, through homicides and suicides, illnesses and accidents.

In my small circle of friends, three families I know lost mothers this summer, leaving three sets of children whose lives have been permanently altered in ways both mundane and profound.

We don't really know, for all that's been written and said, what kind of mother Diana was, what memories her boys will carry of her as they move through adolescence and And it doesn't matter much in considering

her death. What they've lost is bigger than the reality of the mummy they mourn, It's a loss without resolution, a grief without end. You don't get over losing a mother. "It's like the idea of existing without a

God," wrote a woman whose mother had died years before, in a letter to Hope Edelman, author of a book tracing the legacy of mother loss. "You're on your own."

Twice a month, Karen Lemons drives 150 kilometers from her California home to Los Angeles to talk with kids about death, spouses or children have died. She's one of the volunteers at Our House, a

A loss without resolution, a grief without end. Sandy Banks writes about a US center that encourages children to share the sting of bereavement



Primal bond: A place in our psyches 'where mother represents comfort and security, no matter our age.'

four-year-old bereavement center that sponsors grief groups for children who've lost parents or siblings, and grown-ups whose The center exists mostly on grants and

donations, but it has no shortage of clients. Lemons leads "The Littles"- children from five to seven - once a week. Around the corner are older kids and teenagers, and in the office "living room" are the young

vidows and widowers:

The kids talk, draw pictures, play music whatever helps them share the sting of being singled out by fate. Some sit quietly night after night, others lash out in anger

and pain.
It helps, Lemons knows, to be with other children who do not pity or shrink from you, as if parental death is contagious. "I wish William and Harry could have this," she says. "I wish I could have had this." Her father - who like Prince Charles was divorced from his children's mother when she died - did all he could, she says.

He moved back home and took charge of his brood. He found a place where they could get therapy and kept their mother's memory alive.

But still, she says, recovery is a long, tough road. "People think you get over your grief, but you don't," she says. "Not when it's your mom.... No one can replace ber. And it leaves you in shock and pain that can last your entire life."

It is a primal bond, the mother-child connection; so profound that "we equate its severing with a child's emotional death," writes Edelman in her book Motherless Daughters: The Legacy of Loss. There's a place in our psyches "where mother represents comfort and security, no matter our age." Even children taken away from their mothers because of abuse call out for them when they are sick or hurt or scared, she

But I know all this. Because I remember when I realized the magnitude of the loss I faced, as I prepared for my own mother to

I was 19, home from college to tend her. She was bedridden from cancer, terminally ill. I was making her tea. I spilled the hot water on my hand, called out for "Mommy" and ran into her room.

I climbed up onto her bed, crying from the pain, and held my hand out for her to see. She wrapped her arms around me and took my hand between hers. She leaned forward and blew on it, like she did when I was little, after she'd put burn medicine on my childbood wounds

Then she kissed it, and kissed my cheek, and murmored to me to stop crying, that it would be all right.

And at that moment the pain was eclipsed by the realization that this was the last time I would sit on my mother's lap. That for the rest of my life, there would be no one to kiss the hurt away, no one with the power to stop the pain of a second-degree burn by blowing on it.

(Los Angeles Times)

PARENTING

The good potential in bad behavior

By RUTH MASON

thildren have to feel lonely, sad, disappointed, frustrated, bored and angry, in order to develop positive qualities, according to child psychologist Wendy Mogel. If you intervene every time your children are unhappy and try to micro-manage their feelings, you rob them of the opportunity to see that feelings come and go and that they can do something about them," explains Mogel, who runs workshops in Jewish parenting.

"Children do not develop character and a sense of morals without suffering," continues Mogel.
"That's what 'Spare the rod and spoil the child' means." Like most modern psychologists,

Mogel -doesn't believe parents should hit their children. She also believes that there are no bad chil-

dren. In a hand-out for participants in her parenting workshop called Five Practices for Effective Jewish Parents," Mogel says Judaism teaches us to worship God with both our aggressive and our good impuls-

"A midrash about the creation story says that the Bible specifically includes the yetzer hara (aggressive or evil inclination) in 'And God saw all that He had done, and it was very good.' But why is the yerrer hara very good"?

The Talmud teaches that without the evil inclination, people would not build homes, get married, have children, or engage in business. Solomon said that all labor and skillful enterprise comes from

men's envy of each other. Each child has an individual temperament and nature and a unique path to serving God. When we rec-

ognize the direction in which a child is led by his yezzer hara, we can creatively redefine bad behavior as misdirected good potential. Then we can help a child to teshuva - not in the usual sense of 'repentance' or apology for wrongs - but in the true definition of the word, 'return'....

"Say your son is uncooperative in school, talks back at home and can't . sit still except in front of the television or computer screen. We can label this child 'undersocialized' or hyperactive, or we can redefine his behavior. From the perspective of teshuva, be is energetic and strongwilled, two potentially positive personality trains. Rather than despairing about his future, we can see him as a potential leader. To help guide him to do reshuva, we'll need to change his environment somehow, with tall trees to climb and a hammer and nails. There should be

calm, predictable, immediate and logical consequences for misbehavior. He should be given real responsibility, parent-sanctioned opportunities for risk and excitement, and more time with Dad.

"Some people might call your shy daughter introverted, psychosomatie and a worrywart. We can redefine her behavior and nature as careful, sensitive, introspective and aware of detail. For her to do teshuva, she needs help in turning her fretting into caring and courage. She can be given the chance to care tenderly for animals, or to express her yetzer energy through creative writing or

art. These opportunities can turn a

negative trait into a positive one.

The Tahnud teaches us that the greater the person, the greater the evil inclination. Examine yourself to see in what direction you have been turned by your own yetzer hara. Then look at your child's behavior problems from the perspective of ieshuva. Think of any problem behavior as a seed which can grow into a strong and healthy plant, given the right soil, climate and

This is the third column on Jewish child-rearing wisdom by child psy-chologist Wendy Mogel.

THE GOLAN A VERY DIFFERENT TWO DAYS

Widely recognized as perhaps Israel's most important security asset, the Golan is for the moment on the back burner. But it won't be there for long. So what better time than now to join Shorashim and The Jerusalem Post Travel Club for an in-depth, Englishspeaking two day tour of the area. We'll visit the settlements, examine the security issues and view the terrain, the animals, the water and the beauty.

We'll visit the museum at Kibbutz Tel Katzir, Mitzpe Shalom Observation Point, Kibbutz Afik for a meeting with members, Katzrin, tastings at the Golan Wineries, observe the vultures at Gamla, Tel Rachsanya wind generators, the ancient volcano of Mount Bental, view Syrian Kuneitra, Birkat Ram, Ein Kinya, Kfar Rajar Alawim and more. A truly magnificent tour. Overnight at Kibbutz Kfar Blum, with a lecture on the Golan's wildlife.

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Giving plants their full lease on life

By BATSHEVA MINK & DAVID BRAUNER

wiss cheese plants (Monstera deliciosa) growing in the juogles of their native Guatemala hit heights of 40 m. or more. And in tropical Asia the rubber plant (Ficus elastica) will

reach seven meters high.
So why do we see Swiss cheese
and rubber plants drooping and struggling to stay alive in someone's living room - perhaps our own? How do plant lovers manage to kill off that beautiful houseplant they have just brought home from the nursery or florist, or received

Commercial growers succeed in nurturing exotic botanicals simply by giving each individual plant the conditions it requires for optimum growth. If plants are grown in controlled surroundings with the light and temperature of their native habitat, the right amount of watering and fertilizer, the perfect soil and a regu-

lar spray program, they will thrive. But once you get your lovely new specimen home, the light may oot be right, or there may he a draft, or constant traffic from large and small feet may be knocking it about. Another thing plants can't abide are extreme temperature fluctuations, like in winter, when many of our homes are as hot in the evenings but cold during the working day.

Plants, particularly the more expensive types, will almost certainly succumb to over-watering and over-feeding, oo matter how well intended. And, of course, forgetting to water and feed a growing plant will inevitably lead to disappointment.

Today there are at least 500 kinds of leafy and flowering stand in water too loog, thus soak-

houseplants to choose from here. But they come to us in restricted containers, which is already unnatural and stunting. In fact, it's a

wonder that so many adapt so well. Plants, like people, need tender loving care, but nothing can live on love alone. Even though plants can't talk to us, it's amazing how they let us know wheo we're doing something wrong.

Generally, plants don't die sud-denly; they fade away. They take on a sickly appearance. Look out for overall wilting, paleness and yellowing, and leaves turning tobacco-hrown, possibly with holes and rotting.

Here are some tips to keep your favorite flora healthy and alive: Watering

The most common cause of houseplant death is improper watering, either flooding or parch-

Surprisingly, either mistake

kills for same reason. When a plant is overwatered, the roots begin to shrink, which is the same reaction it has to underwatering. The smaller roots can't take up the surplus moisture, so the plant dies of thirst and starvation. The symptoms for both are the same - drooping yellow foliage, particularly in the younger leaves. If a plant has been left unwa-

tered, you can attempt to save it by placing the pot into a bowl of tepid water - oot so deep that the pot will float - for 1-2 hours. Recovery using this method is not guaranteed, especially if the plant has been chronically underwa-

Oversaturating plant soil also drives out the air, which, like water, is absolutely necessary for healthy roots. Many people put saucers under pots, and let the pots

ing the soil and cutting off air. Plants should not be watered

every day. Water only when the soil is on the dry side, but not dried out. Check the extent of dryness hy poking the soil with your finger.

Feeding
Overfeeding burns roots, and is
literally killing with kindness. To stay on the safe side, use only half the recommended amount. Feed only actively growing plants, and give your maternal instincts a complete rest in winter. Liquid seaweed is excellent food, and may also be sprayed on the leaves.

Too much or too little light can be deadly. In general, filter the harsh summer sun through curtains or blinds. In winter, plants can be exposed to unfiltered light. Ask your nursery how much light is right when you buy a plant.

Cleaning Plants, as we all know, absorb life-giving light through their leaves, but a layer of dust and grime on the foliage acts like a cataract, entting out over 50% of the light. Spray-clean or spongewipe the leaves regularly with clean water, especially in winter, when the light is low.

Humidity Many plants are oot happy in dry air. Excessively dry conditions will cause Swiss cheese plants, for example, to lose the slits in their

leaves. The simplest way to introduce moisture into the air around the plant is to place the pot in a large dish or tray with a layer of pebbles and water underneath. The water level must oot touch the bottom of the pot.

Frequent misting with fresh water is also appreciated. Use an old, well-washed window-spray bottle for perfect results.

Plastic pots are light, easy to clean and, above all, hold in soil moisture longer than clay pots, an important feature in summer.

Small plants should not be planted in large pots, because the soil that is not in contact with roots becomes soured by the introduction of harmful bacteria.

Signs of pot-bound plants are slow growth, water running straight through the pot, and roots growing through the drainage holes. Repot plants in a pot only one size larger than the original.

Gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, P.O.B. 3943, Jerusalem 91039, or David Brauner, through his email:morrir@ashur.cc.biu.ac.il

Tip of the week

Here's how to save a sagging, waterlogged plant from dying: Remove it from the pot. Thoroughly wash off the soil from the roots and the pot, and let both dry oo newspaper

Repot the plant in sterilized soil, and keep it misted with fresh water. Nourish the plant "intravenously" by spraying the leaves every 10 days with a dilote solution of half the recommended dose of liquid sea-

Do not fertilize the roots until the plant has fully reestablished



What turns an eager plant-lover into an unwitting assassin? Most commonly, it's either overor underwatering.

Out on a limb

By D'YORA BEN SHAUL

The Spanish have a proverb that says "Ooly a fool tries to rescue a cat from a tree or a woman from love." Be that as it may, sooner or later you may find that your inveterately curious, ever-prowling cat is up in a tree or on a roof, and can't get down.

Climbing up is easy for a cat, but getting down is a matter of experience. The shape of their claws makes it impossible for cats to get a good grip on anything while descending head first. They have to learn to turn around and back down while holding oo.

Older cats usually have learned to do this, but young cats keep trying to go down head first. Finding that they cannot do so, they get into a panic.

Despite the proverb, you don't have to be a fool to go to the animal's rescue. Bot you do have to be very careful and keep your head about you.

Here is what you will need: a ladder, a large heavy towel or small blanket, and an assistant if possible. It will be much easier and safer if you have

Put the ladder in position and get as near to the cat as

you can while your assistant holds the ladder and perhaps the animal's regular food bowl. Not that the cat will want to eat, but it will help get its attention. Talk to the car; put out your hand; point to the food bowl; make the usual sounds you make when calling it. In short, get the cat to come close enough for you to stroke it. Do not make any sudden moves -

already frightened out of its wits. Place the towel or blanket on the limb or

on the roof, but don't wave it around. Once the cat has calmed down and allows you to stroke it, gently put the towel or hlanket over it and

in one quick maneuver, wrap it

around the animal, hold your hundle tightly, and start down the ladder. If the cat struggles free at this point, let it jump, It will, in most circumstances, be all right, especially if it is over soil and not concrete. But in any case, once it gets its paws

ground it may run away and hide. Don't worry and don't chase after it - this just makes it more afraid. Give it time to calm down and

pass. Ofteo the cat is calm long

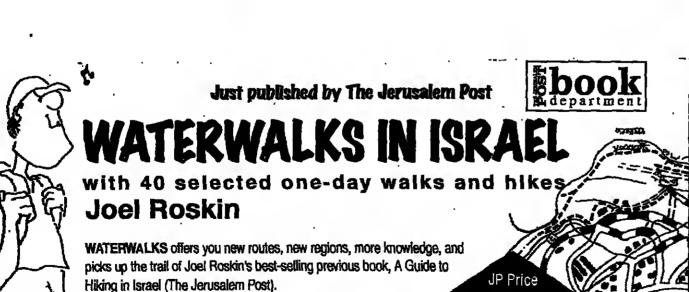
before its rescuer has regained his

free, let it go or you will get Incidentally, this situation highclawed, sometimes rather badly. lights why declawed cats must never be allowed outside. They cannot climb, cannot escape danger, and in trying to do so often get badly iojured, if not killed.

When the cat is about a year old

and finds itself out on a limb. it return home. Then feed it and might be a good idea to let it be and not go to the rescue, but wait It may take a while for it to calm while it figures out how to get down. Some cats will spend the down by itself. It will. Some cats rest of the day pacing about and figure it out faster, some more mumbling cat complaints. It will slowly, but they will get the idea in

the end. In the meantime, all you have to do is try not to panic.



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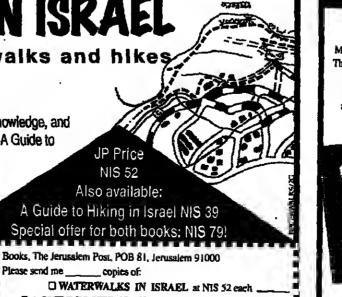
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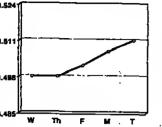
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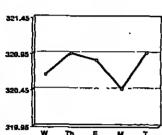
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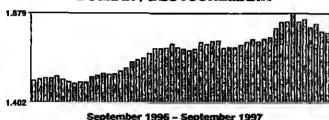


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Infotech exhibition opens today

Infotech, a large computer communications conference and exhibition, opens at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds today. The two-day event will present new products, including smartcards, software and hardware. Communications Minister Limor Livnat will be guest of honor at the opening, and Clal-Israel managing director Yitzhak Kaul will present plans for his holding compan Moshey, director of development for Silicon Graphics International, will lecture on the dramatic changes taking place in research labs and in data storage. A high-tech employment fair will take place simultaneously with the event.

Scitex Digital Video gets new CEO

Scitex Corporation yesterday announced the appointment of a new CEO of subsidiary Scitex Digital Video, Inc. Daniel Wright, former president of Telex Corporation's audio division, will replace Randolph Hood. The digital printing division develops high-speed ink jet printers for long-run printing systems. In the first quarter of the year, the digital video division's revenues increased 25% over the same period a year ago. Jennifer Friedlin

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MKs delay okay for Hapoalim sale

Finance Committee seeks to ensure workers' rights will not be harmed

By DAVID HARRIS

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday failed to approve the sale of Bank Hapoalim, after MKs demanded to know the precise details of the NIS 4.8 billion sale 10 the consortium led by businessman Ted Arison.

The delay is intended to let committee members study the sale agreement and to ensure that the rights of the bank's employees are protected, committee members

Workers protested against a section of the agreement which states the new owners will protect workers' rights "to the best of their abil-' Linion chairman Motti Ashur. backed by MK Elie Goldschmidt (Labor), asked for these words to

be removed. "We have a natural fear of what

will happen in the future," said Ashur. "If they take untlateral action, we'll close the bank."

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There was widespread agreement that MKs on the committee must be allowed to see the contract paperwork before approving

"There isn't enough material or data, said MK Yitzhak Coben (Shas). "Who exactly is the buyer? What's happening with him? But more important, there's absolutely no reference whatsoever to the 10,000 workers and their families, and as long as that's the case I

won't let this pass." Committee coalition leader Michael Kleiner (Gesher) said it is impossible to approve a deal with-

oul being party to the necessary information.

The documents are not meant for public show," argued Supervisor of Banks Zeev Abeles. Opposition MKs expressed concern that this is the latest stage in the process of Israel's major enter-

prises ending up in the hands of

just five or six businesspeople. The method of sale was incorrect, charged Haim Oron (Meretz). While not questioning the composition of the consortia that bid for control of the bank. Oron said the

rather than privately. There are many places in the world that have a rule that state banks are not to be sold to for-

Meir Yacobson, the director of MI Holdings, the government company responsible for selling the state-owned banks, defended the nature of the sale, pointing out that the method adopted is now the

accepted norm in the US, UK,

Germany, and Japan; adding that

he is more than happy with the

mix of domestic and foreign investors within the winning group.
"There is no reason to restrict foreigners," said Abeles, 'If anything. I d give my blessing to for-

eign investors in Israeli corporasale should have been conducted on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange tions, as this increases the spread of ownerships and competition." Abeles said he insisted one of Hapoalim's impending new owners retire as a board member of the Maritime Bank before taking up a eigners," said Oron

role with Hapoalini.

Oron told the committee the bank should have been sold to the public through a government options scheme or by allowing the public to control the company through a board, which could be chaired by a public figure such as

a judge. "I don't know what such a public-controlling share is," said Abeles, in rejecting the proposal.

The sale was a great success from the perspectives of the process, the winning investors, and the price," said Yacobson, adding that the sale should now be completed during the last quarter of the year.

The committee is to reconvene ioday to vote on the sale's

'Haifa-Irbid railway would cost \$200 million'

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

A train connecting Haifa and the northern Jordanian city of Irbid would cost \$200 million, Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday told a delegation of 14 British business leaders, led by Transport Minister Gavin Strang.

Strang is the first member of British Prime Minister Tony Blair's cabinet to visit Israel. Earlier this month planners said

a proposed line connecting Israeli and Jordanian Dead Sea chemical plants with Eilat would require a \$500m. investment.

The British delegation has arrived here to discuss potential joint ventures and prospects for increasing British companies participation in Israeli projects.

During the meeting, Sharon pitched water, railway infrastructure, and natural gas projects to the British delegates. He also stressed Israel's need for natural gas, telling the delegates that Israel is open to suggestions. including importing liquefied gas.

Strang and the delegates expressed interest in participating in electricity projects and exploring opportunities for Britain's private sector to provide infrastructure equipment to Israel, the ministry said.

Over the last year, bilateral trade between the countries graw 20% to \$3.5 billion



New coal dock

Israel Electric Corporation managing director Rafi Peled (right) and Emmanuel Sakel, managing director of the Ashkelon-Eilat Oil Pipeline Company, shake hands yesterday after agreeing to jointly build a loading dock for the coal-driven Kutenberg power plant outside Ashkelon. The agreement includes the building and operation of the dock and storage facilities, and the purchase

Treasury wants foreign funds to get more tax breaks

By DAN GERSTENFELD

The Finance Ministry is seeking to extend tax exemptions for for-

eign funds investing in Israel,

senior Treasury sources said yes- investments to the tune of an terday.

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Doron Levy saio he expected the new tax breaks to generate capital

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annual \$1 billion. Finance Minister Yaakov

Neeman, who is at the IMF annual meeting in Hong Kong, mentioned the plan earlier this week. Treasury officials said discussions were held before Neeman left, but they were unaware that the minister had decided to publish the

"I'm not yet sure of the details of the minister's decision. I can tell you that until now that in general there are no tax exemptions." said one senior Treasury official. "However, in special circumstances the minister alone may make exceptions and (former finance minister Dan] Meridor did this in one or two cases."

Foreign pension funds investing

in Israel are already exempt from taxes on investments in the local capital market. The Treasury's decision is likely to affect mainly investments in ventute capital funds and private companies.

Yossi Sela, Executive Vice President of Genun: Capital Fund Management Ltd, said that American pension funds started last year to invest in Israel.

"Without the money we received from these funds and University endownients we couldn't have launched our second fund Gemini

Pension funds have also invested in other Israeli venture capital funds such as Polaris, Karden and

Until now pension funds were allowed to invest in "young" com-

invested in R&D. If the new permit will widen the scope of investment it will allow companies to raise mezzanine finances. It may also allow young Israeli companies who rushed in the past to raise money thorough initial public offering in Nasdaq, to raise money and go public at a much later stage.

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The new regulations are highly discriminatory against Israeli pension funds, asserted Avraham Shochat, a former finance minister from the Labor Party.

There is no reason in the world why Israeli pension funds, when investing, should have to pay tax, while a pension fund from Ohio or Miami is exempt from tax,"

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business over the past quarter cen-

tury after Coke was placed on the

Coca-Cola seeks 40% of region's market share Middle East business. and sharpening its competitiveness. PepsiCo built up a dominant

DUBAI (Reuters) - US soft drinks glant Coca-Cola Co., long shunned in the Arab world for doing business with Israel, is targeting a leading share in the Arab market within three years, a senior offi-

Coca-Cola Middle East division president Sandy Allen said in an interview with an inhouse magazine obtained by Reuters yesterday that the company's immediate task was to capture 40 percent of the

cial said.

"We have to attain critical mass in our key markets. In my book that means over 47% of market share." the magazine. Newstine, quoted Allen as saying. "I would aim for us to have over-

all market leadership throughout Northwest Africa, the Near East and the Gult within three years," he

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TASE rises on hopes of rate cut

Tel Aviv

Stocks gained yesterday on opti-mism that inflation will ease and prompt the central bank to lower interest rates and after some Israeli issues rose on Wall Street Monday.

After the market closed Monday, the central bank said it would leave its benchmark interest rate unchanged at 13.4 percent for October. Analysts bad expected

the announcement.

The Maof Index of 25 stocks rose 1.11 percent to 293.37. The Mishtanim Index climbed 1.29 to 285.72. The Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index of 30 stocks added 2.14 percent to 99.41.

Rising stocks included Nice Systems Ltd., soaring 8.7 percent to 185.2 shekels (\$52.75), Formula Systems Ltd., 5.9 percent higher at 95.3

We've reached the low point"of the slowdown in the economy, said Dror Kraus, broker at Koor investment House. "Investors are looking forward to the end of the year and to the possibility that the bank will lower rates.

And "Wall Street was very good, particularly to Israeli stocks," said Dan Kitri, analyst at the Otzarot of Bank Otzar ha'Chayal.

The Dow Jooes Industrial

Average rose I percent Monday while the Nasdaq Combined Composite Index tacked on 0.5

Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, 113.8 million shekels (\$32.4 million) of shares traded. Almost twice as many issues gained as declined.

Europe

U.K. stocks dropped, giving up most of Monday's gains, amid concern British interest rates will rise again before the end of the year, a move that could crimp corporate earnings.

British Petroleum Pic and Shell Transport & Trading Plc led the benchmark FT-SE 100 Index down 48.2 points, or 0.95 percent, to 5027.5, after it rose 1 percent Monday. During the first hour of trading yesterday (Tue), the index reached a high of 5095.1, close to the record 5095.3 set Aug. 8.

Our view is that interest rates will rise further. But we're not talking about a buge inflacion risk," said Nigel Cobby, an executive director at Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter, Discover & Co. in London. "We're committing our-selves to another rise of 25 basis points"in 1997.

Meanwhile, the broader FT-SE



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Nikkei 18201.32 ▲ 0.79% 0.06 percent, to 4709.9, lifted by robust earnings reports from companies such as Tarmac Plc, the buildings materials company, and PizzaExpress Plc, the restaurant chain. The FT-SE Actuaries 350 Index, a combination of the two indexes, fell 18.5, or 0.76 percent, to 2420.1, after reaching a record

2438.6 Monday. The Office for National Statistics said the U.K. gross domestic product grew 1.0 percent in the quarter and 3.5 percent from a year earlier, higher than its pre-vious estimates of 0.9 percent and 3.4 percent

Asia

Japanese stocks rose on expecta-250 Index gained 2.7 points, or tions a stronger dollar against the

yen following the Group of Seven meeting will bolster profit growth at exporters such as Toyota Motor Corp.

"The G-7 members didn't signal

a big change for the currency market, so investors bid up shares of exporters on the strength of the dollar," said Satoshi Nishimoto, a fund manager in the Tokyo office of Credit Suisse Trust & Banking Co., which manages about 700 billion yen (\$5.7 billion).

A statement from finance ministers attending a meeting of the Group of Seven in Hong Kong Saturday suggested that they saw no need for a major change in the direction of foreign exchange

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average rose 143.11 points, or 0.79 percent, to 18,201.32 the bighest close in more than a week. The Topix index of all shares on the first secoon of the Tokyo Stock Exchange picked up 13.06 points, or 0.94 percent, to

Exporters paced the advance as the dollar climbed to 122.70 yen in Tokyo trading, up from 121.65 yen on Friday and 120.07 yen a week ago. A stronger dollar helps Japanese exporters by increasing the yen value of revenue earned overseas and allows them to hold down prices on goods sold abroad. (Bloomberg)

Wall Street

A lare rally lifted smaller-company stocks further into record territory, but blue-chip shares fell modestly yesterday after some disconraging earnings news and a stumble in the recent bond raily.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average made another fleeting move above 8,000 in early trading, but quickly turned lower and fell 26.77 points to 7,970.06 on the day.

Broader measures were mixed, with the Russell 2000 index of smaller companies and the Nasdaq composite index shooting into positive territory during the final bour of trading.

The late rally salvaged recordsetting streaks for both measures, giving the Russell 2000 its eighth straight closing high and the Nasdaq its fourth straight. The record close was also the 17th in 19 sessions for the Russell 2000.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by a 6-to-5 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,306 up, 1,558 down and 555 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 522.21 million shares, vs. 490.40 million in the previous session.

Mark declines, German rates seen unchanged

The dollar topped 1.80 marks for the first time in twelve days, amid persistent expectations the Bundesbank will keep interest rates on hold in the months ahead.

Expectations German rates will remain unchanged were heightened after a series of German reports pointed to a deceleration in inflation in September.

The dollar pared gains to 1.7959 as comments by Bundesbank officials on the exchange rate being "appropriate" made investors cautious about pushing the US currency higher, traders said.

There's a shift from the idea that rates will rise after inflation figures came in better than expected," said Mark Hale, senior economist at Sakura Finance International. 'The change in sentiment started a few days ago,"

The dollar surged to 1.8025 marks from 1.7870 late Monday, its highest since reaching 1.8169 on September 10. The US currency fell to 121.48 yen from 122.30 at Monday's London close. Sales of marks for yen pushed the dollar lower against the yen, traders said.

Prices in the Western German state of Bavaria fell 0.3 percent in the month to mid-September state and were up 1.7% from a year earlier, Meantime, prices fell 0.3% in Westphalia, North-Rhine Germany's largest state. Prices in the West probably fell 0.1% in September and rose 2.0% in the year, according to analysts polled

by Bloomberg News. Unwinding of the jump in energy prices in August has benefited Bavaria more than expected," said Sonia Gibbs, an economist at



Basket 3.7589 A 0.03%

Mark 1.9525 ▼ 0.40%

Sterling 5.6545 A 0.51% Nomura International. "That supports our view that rates can

remain on hold this year." The Bundesbank is scrutinizing German price reports for any signs inflation is picking up after the

Bundesbank's 2% target ceiling and jumping to its highest since January 1995. German producer prices will be published later this week.

Expectations of an imminent German rate increase waned after Bundesbank council member Hans-Juergen Koebnick said Monday the dollar is at an "appropriate level" against the mark. Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer echoed those remarks. News wires reported Tietmeyer as saving "the correction in the dollar has finished." His comments capped the dollar's rise.

"Although there is nothing new in Tietmeyer's comments, that. made the dollar pull back," said Tim Fox, a treasury economist at Standard Chartered Bank. Still. Fox expects the dollar to continue

gaining momentum. Speculation about higher rates in Germany was triggered by the fall of the mark by 14% against the dollar since the beginning of the year, increasing the cost of imported goods in Germany and fueling inflation.

Since setting an eight-year low of 1.8905 per dollar on August 6. the mark has recovered some ground. The Bundesbank set its target money market rate at an unchanged rate of 3% at today's repurchase agreement tender, as expected.

Still, investors don't rule out the possibility the Bundesbank may raise its repo rate for the first time in five years, given the need to bring Gennau rates in line with its European counterparts in the runup to the single European currency (Bloomberg)

Oil rises on expectations for drop in US supplies

annual inflation rate rose to 2.1%

August, exceeding the

Precious metals

Gold prices were little changed. Gold for immediate delivery rose 5 cents to \$321 an ounce.

Platinum and palladium prices fell. Platinum prices soared Monday on expectations that low exports from Russia, the world's second-largest producer, will make supplies difficult to obtain. Spot platinum traded \$2.50 lower at \$436 an ounce while spot palladium fell \$4.12 to \$188.38 an ounce.

Oil

Brent crude oil futures prices climbed for a second straight day, amid traders' perceptions key supply figures last night could show a drop in US crude oil supplies. traders are betting crude supplies, which are 5.5 million barrels below year ago levels, could be depleted further.

Brokers said based on historic price trends during the past 40 days, traders would likely buy more Brent contracts if prices broke above \$19.80 a barrel, identifying this as a point where buying has occurred. On London's International Petroleum Exchange Brent futures gained 10 cents to \$18.73 a barrel.

Others

Copper was steady as global stockpiles climbed amid growing expectations there will be a surplus in production of the metal in the next two years. The London Metal Exchange said the global stockpile of the metal held in its

at near full capacity in past weeks. COMMODITIES

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warehouses rose 5,325 tons, or 1.7%, to 312,400 tons, its highest level for 16 months. Slackening growth in demand in Japan and Southeast Asia at a time when smelters and refineries are cranking up their production has raised the expectations of a surfcit of copper. The benchmark threemonth copper contract traded unchanged at \$2,102 a metric ton

cially from China, where smelters may buy to meet large obligations to deliver metal they agreed to sell earlier this year. The smelters face large potential losses after selling zinc they didn't own earlier this year in the expectation that prices would fall.

Instead, lack of new mine production and soaring demand pushed prices bigher. Three-month zinc on the LME recently traded \$20 higher at \$1,465 a met-

Robusta coffee futures fell as rains reached coffee-growing regions in Brazil, easing concern that drought will damage next year's crop from the world's largest producer. More rain is expected during the rest of this week, said Massachusetts-based Weather Services Corp.

Zinc rose for a second day amid Robnsta coffee futures for expectations demand will remain November delivery traded \$22 strong in coming months, espe- lower at \$1,516 a metric ton on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange.

White sugar futures fell on expectations for a large European sugar beet crop and failing demand for European white sugar from the Middle East. The weather in Europe over the past month has helped individual sugar beets to increase in size and contributed to forecasts for a record EU crop of about 18.5 million tons in 1997-

At the same time, as the supply of European sugar is expected to increase, demand for European refined white sugar is expected to fall next year as new sugar refineries open in the Middle East, White sugar for December delivery traded 90 cents lower at \$310.30 a metric ton. (Bloomberg)

US bonds little changed ahead of note auction

on the LME.

US bonds were little changed with yields near seven-week lows, amid expectations yesterday's Treasury's auction of \$15.5 billion of two-year notes will meet good investor demand. "It should do all right, the trend

is toward lower interest rates," said Philip Rice, a partner at Atlas Pleiades Capital Management, a San Anselmo, California-based private investment fund.

We're going to move toward a 6 percent" yield on the 30-year bond. The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond fell 1/8, or S1.25 per \$1,000 bond, to 100 5/32, pushing its yield up 1 basis point to 6.36%. The two-year note yield rose I basis point to 5.79%.

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Rice is betting in the futures market that prices may fall shortly as the current Treasury futures contract climbs toward 116, a price level closely watched by traders who look to yield charts for clues about the direction of

The Treasury futures contract for December delivery was at 115 27/32, down 4/32. Prices were lower on some issues as the socalled primary dealers typically bid yields higher before buying new government debt to spark investor demand. Traders exchanged promises to

deliver the new two-year notes "when-issued" at a yield of 5.79%, up I basis point from Monday. Herzilya: Cial Phann, Beit Merkazim, 6 Maskit (cnr. Sderot Hagalim), Herzilya Pituah, 955-8472, 955-8407. Open 9 a.m. to midnight. Upper Nazzreth: Cial Pharm, Lev Ha'r Mall, 657-0468. Open 9 a.m. to 10

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Two-year note yields dropped 21 basis points since September 11, subdued

US 30 -year T-bill yield

as economic reports showed that inflation, which erodes the value of bonds' fixed payments, remains The reports also bolstered

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Reserve will leave interest rates unchanged at the next meeting of its policy-setting Federal Open Market Committee, on September

The slowdown in August retail

sales and the still-tame trend in producer prices will likely keep the Fed sidelined at the upcoming FOMC meeting," said Tim O'Neill, chief economist at Harris Bank/Bank of Montreal in Chicago. Some traders said the outlook for stable interest rates may boost demand at the Treasury's sales of two-year notes yesterday and \$11.5 billion in five-year notes today. Expectadons for steady Fed rates

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expectations that the Federal are reflected in futures on threemonth Eurodollars, or dollars on deposit outside the US. The implied yield on the December contract fell 12 basis points since September 11 to 5.81%. That's 9 basis points above the current three-month borrowing rare between banks.

The central bank last changed rates in March, raising the target for overnight bank loan rates by a quarter of a percentage point. The Treasury won't be this week's only borrower. Fort James Corp. and a string of issuers rated below investment grade - including Zale Corp., CMS Energy Corp. and Kazakhstan - are gearing up to sell bonds. (Bloomberg)

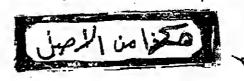
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WHAT'S ON IN HAIFA, dist 04-





Swiss investments in Israeli high-tecb projects were the focal Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky (left) and Swiss Secretary of Commerce Franz Blankart when the two met in Jerusalem recently.

Nissan Limor, who, from 1983 to 1993 served as director-general of Beit Hanassi during Chaim Herzog's terms as president, has been appointed director-general of the Council for Higher Education. Since leaving Beit Hanassi, Limor managed his own private company, working as an economic consultant. He was formerly a senior accountant at the Finance Ministry and prior to that served as No. 2 man in the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs' professional training division. A graduate of the Hebrew University, Limor studied economics, the Middle East, political science and international relations. He also has a masters degree in business management. Limor replaces Guri Zilcha, who after seven years at the post, is leaving for

At a meeting last week with Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel, Charles Goode chairman of the ANZ Banking Group and leader of a 47-member trade mission from Australia and New Zealand, pledged that the ANZ would soon open a branch in Tel Avaya The Australia and New Zealand Banking Group, one of the big four Australasian banks. is the first major international bank to open a full diversified services branch in Israel, having revived its east Jerusalem branch earlier this year. ANZ regional speaking at a seminar in Tel Aviv er of the Club Hotel.

the business world.

last week, observed that in a sense the ANZ is one of the oldest banks operating in Israel, preceded only slightly by Bank Leumi. The ANZ's fully owned subsidiary, the former Grindlay's Bank, had itself acquired the Turkish-based Ottoman Bank whose Jerusalem branch operated from 1905 to 1967.

After 17 years as director of international advertising and public relations for Bank Hapoalim, Sharon Gefen is leaving to set up the Jewish Agency's new division of communications and marketing. The appointment becomes effective October 5.

Gad Propper, general manager of Osem International and chairman of Interbeauty, has been elected chairman of the umbrella organization of binational chambers of commerce. The Federation of Binational Chambers of Commerce incorporates 34 binational chambers and some 7,000 commercial organizations.

Martine Erev has been appointed manager of the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv. She will be directly responsible to the hotel's general manager Ya'acov Sudri. She was previously operations manager of the King David Hotel, Jerusalem and before that was the manager of the Deborah Hotel in Tel Aviv.

·Nur Amer, 32, is the new general manager of the Club Hotel, Tiberias. A graduate of the Dvir Hotel School, Amer also has a BA in economics from Haifa University. He recently completed a supplementary course in botel management at Cornell. Prior to his new appointment, he

Weighing the credit-card incentives

By NEIL COHEN

ntil I started researching this article I operated under the mistaken assumption that the credit card business in this country was run by a cozy club of banks who kept interest rates pretty much in line and, except for some perks and marketing gimmicks here and there, offered pret-

ty much the same product.
This, compared to the US and the UK, where all kinds of nontraditional issuers (airlines, phone companies, automobile manufacturers, to name a few) have sprung up and the business has become so competitive that it has spawned a sub-industry of credit-card solicitors who cold-call people and try to entice them to shift their credit card from one issuer to another.

Apart from the business of credit cards themselves, in an era of advanced databases and aggressive telemarketing there is a huge demand for the information provided by credit card users to measure products' success and to market other products and services to the credit card holder.

Here, while the aggressive sales tactics and inducements to switch cards are largely absent, some of the banks offer very aggressive rates on outstanding balances - rates that compare favorably with the cost of running an overdraft. All the cards offer various loyalty bonuses, but the industry bas some way to go to catch up with the concurrent sophis-

tication and simplicity of points accumulation and rewards schemes available in, say, the US, where such marketing tools have been refined to

I'll get down to some of the gimmicks later, but the hard numbers paint the following picture, as you can see from the table. The two smallest banks, First International and United Mizrahi, offer the broadest range of credit cards, namely Visa, Isracard/Mastercard and American Express. Leumi offers Visa and Diners, IDB. Visa only, and Hapoalim, Isracard/ Mastercard and Amex.

First International and UMB are also, with a couple of exceptions, the most aggressive players when it comes to interest rates. (Interestingly, they were also the most industrious in providing me with information for this column.) First International's rates are slightly lower but the two are generally in line with one another and undercut the other banks quite significantly on most types of cards.

The exceptions worthy of note are offers from Leumi and Discount to holders of Preferred Visa Gold cards. Leumi charges 9.5% per annum on their balances while Discount charges a very attractive 7%. Relevant cardholders should double-check the terms of these deals to make sure that they qualify before assuming that they do (written confirmation from the bank would be a very good idea).

The other attraction Leumi offers is instant unsecured loans on your PERSONAL FINANCE



credit card. Leumi customers with Visa cards can borrow up to NIS 3,000 on a regular Visa card at a rate of prime (14.9% currently) plus 2%, repayable in 30 installments. Leumi customers who are Visa gold cardholders can borrow up to NIS 20,000 at the prime rate, repayable in 48 installments. All these loans are supposedly instant, unsecured (i.e., no collateral needed), do not require guarantors and do not

ecessitate a visit to one's branch.

UMB's incentives to new card-

holders are primarily gifts. Apart from one years' free membership available to all new customers it offers gifts like an alarm clock, a set of pens, a beach towel and so forth. First International offers more monetary-type incentives, such as free membership to students for the duration of their studies and periods of free membership ranging between one and two years depending on type of card and type of client (the bigger your deposits or investment portfolio, at the bank the longer the free membership).

The bottom line: I. Fit the card you take to your usage. For the last year I've been paying annual charges on a particular card, when a card lower on the "status" ladder would have saved me about NIS 150 a year.

Don't be fooled or tempted by gimmicks. Free gifts are nice but irrelevant to your financial well-being and therefore shouldn't be anything but the most marginal factor in your decision-making.

3. If you run high balances which you don't pay off every month, thereby incurring interest charges, look for the cheapest suitable deal 4. If you travel abroad make sure you have an international card. It

doesn't cost extra. 5. If you never run a balance on your credit card, then take the card that is cheapest in other ways longest free period and/or lowest

annual charges. 6. If you run an overdraft it may well be cheaper to run a credit card balance. Compare the bank and credit card rates.

	Hapoalim	Leumi	IDB	First Int'l	Mizrahi
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High-priced Holy Day bonuses

By RACHEL NEIMAN

Yven when times are hard, most employers find a way to give employees a holiday bonus. In June, workers committees and company procurement officials attended an exhibition organized by Ve'adim, ready to spend an estimated \$190 million on High Holy Day bonus gifts. The figure is 8% higher than last year.

The value of the average gift will be NIS 375-NIS 450. Ve'adim notes that "the gift value barrier was broken this year, and most work places will include offers to upgrade to luxury items, at a value far higher than the value of the bonus gifts," Workers are expected to thus put out an additional \$90 million to upgrade their purchases.

The luxury-items category includes not only package tour vacations, but jewelry as well.

Jacob Alloush, editor of Ve'adim, points out that even the classic holiday gift of sheets or pots are now high-fashion, like Kitan designer sheets; high-tech, like Soltam's stainless steel and glass creations; or high-class, like this year's gift of choice, the watch.

"Eight years ago, electronic watches were in. This time, it's luxury watches," says Alloush, "And the pots and pans come with a better guarantee than your television.

The amounts being spent on gifts have been rising over the past five years, and we don't know if the tide is abating. The retailers are interested in participating because for them, this money is a sure thing. That's why the food and retail chains have created the gift certificates, to cover a wider

Many unions and employers have opted for Super-Sol Tav Hazahav gift certificates.

SMART SHOPPING

"More and more workers committees are moving over to gift certificates, as opposed to allocating presents in the workplace," says Super-Sol marketing vice

president Ya'acov Ginsburg. The phenomenon undoubtedly stems from the gift certificate choose among thousands of gifts "redeeming the gift certificate, to meet their personal needs," he It's not only workers who wa says. "The number of store chains participating in the Tav Hazahav program has increased from year to year. When Sper-Sol initiated the program, there were five chains. Today there are 26.

issued

employers to give workers a 10% discount, over and above the value of the certificate, on goods at 14 leading chains, including many of the stores listed above.

The certificates are, in essence, cash, as they have the highest coverage around the country, and allow holders true freedom of choice," Visa-ICL said.

Even traditional gift manufacturers like Kitan want to participate, industry sources say, since the certificates bring people into the store, where they often buy structure, which allows them to "other things," in "addition" to

It's not only workers who want the gifts, but employers as well. Ve'adim research indicates that employers give out the holiday bonuses even when a factory is facing bankruptcy.

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Not to be outdone, Visa-ICL has issued certificates, enabling a psychological effect on both

management and employee morale," Alloush says.

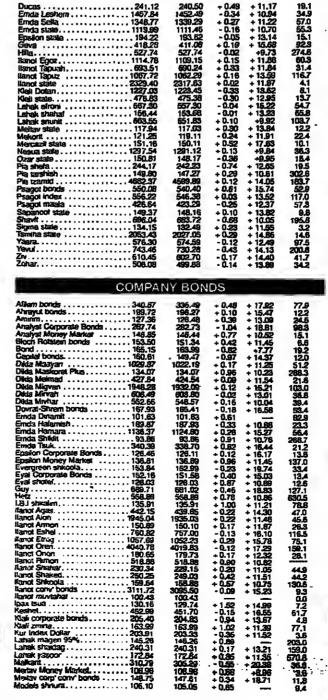
But even deeper psychological machinations are at work. According to Zvi Wilder, for many years communications adviser to several leading workers committees, about 15 years ago, committees stopped worrying about contract negotiations and started competing over who would would give out the best present of the year.

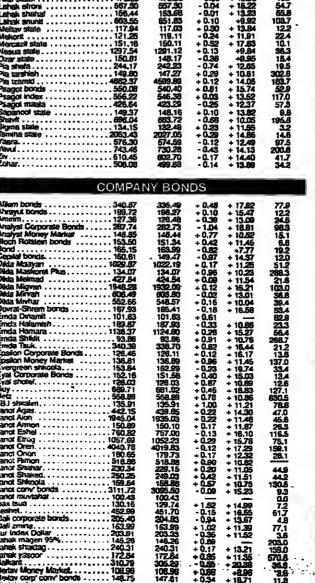
"Once, workers committees dealt with the matter for maybe two months out of the year, Wilder says. "Today, the industry has escalated into a year-round business of conventions, catalogs, meetings, tender offers, and it's not just limited to Rosh Hashana and Pessal. Now there are worker committee-sponsored sales, holidays as well: Hanukka,

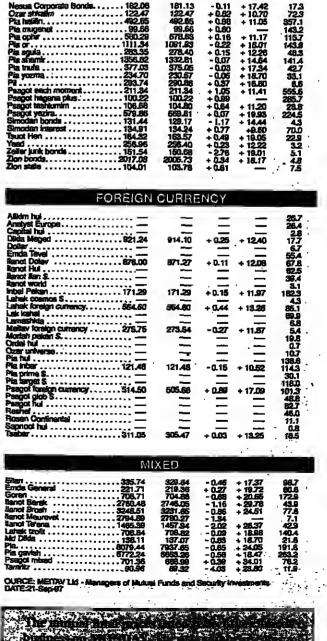
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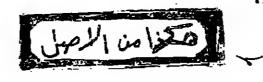
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Griffey – 55 and 5

Seattle slugger has five home games to reach Maris's 61; Braves win record 6th-straight division title

OAKLAND (AP) - Ken Griffey Jr. hil his 54th and 55th homers of the seasoo, overtaking Mark McGwire for the major league lead, as the Seattle Mariners clinched a tie for the AL West title by defeating the Oakland Athletics 4-2 Monday night.

Griffey now has the seventhhighest homer total in major league history, trailing only Roger Maris (61 in 1961), Babe Ruth (60 in 1927), Ruth (59 in 1921), Jimmie Foxx (58 in 1932), Hank Greenberg (58 in 1938) and Hack Wilson (56 in 1930).

Griffey's 55 homers are the most in the major leagues since Maris set the record in 1961. He bas five games left, all at Seattle's Kingdome, to match Maris' mark, 30ey Cora added a two-run homer as the Mariners increased their division lead to 5½ games over Anaheim. Any Seattle wio or Anaheim loss will give the Mariners their second division

title in three years. The three homers gave Seattle 257 this season, tying the major league mark set by Balomore last

Yankees 8, Blue Jays 1 David Wells, trying to secure a spot in the Yankees' postseason rotation, won for the first ome in nearly six weeks, pitching New York to a bome win.

The Yankees, who have already clinched at least a wild-card berth, trail Balomore by three games in the AL East with six games remaining for both teams. The Orioles lost to Detroit 5-4 Monday

Wells (15-10) had been 0-5 in six starts since his previous victory oo August 14. The left-bander pitched eight innings and allowed seven hits, striking out seven and walking one.

Tigers 5, Orioles 4 Bob Hamelin hit a two-run bomer to cap a four-run eighth inning that carried Detroit past struggling host Baltimore Orioles.

The improbable victory put the Tigers at 500 (78-78) for the first time since April 15 and kept the Orioles' magic number to clincb the AL East at three.

Rafael Palmeiro hit his teamhigh 37th houser for the Orioles. who have lost nine of 14 and 11 of 17. Baltimore closes the season on the road after a 5-9 homes included three losses in four games against Detroit.

The Orioles were 77-3 when

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taking a lead into the eighth inning; the Tigers had won only six of 69 games when trailing after

seveo. Brian Hunter had three hits and stole his major league-leading 72nd base for the Tigers, who woo their first series in Baltimore since

Twins 5, Brewers 2 Damian Miller hit his first career grand slam and Travis Miller earned his first win of the season as Minoesota won its final home

game of the year.
The loss left the Brewers on the brink of being eliminated from the AL Central race. They will be knocked out with either one more defeat or one win by the first-place Cleveland Indians, whose game against Kansas City was rained

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Braves 3, Expos 2 (11) Host Atlanta became the first team to win six straight divisioo championships, clinching the NL East when Florida lost to the New York Mets prior to the Braves' vic-

Steven Kline threw a third-strike wild pitch to Mike Mordecai with the bases loaded, allowing Danny Banosta to trot bome with the winning run. By then, the division title already was Atlanta's.

Word of New York's 10-3 victory over the Marlins reached Turner Field after Greg Maddux escaped a one-oot, bases-loaded jam in the eighth. The crowd of 41,268 cheered throughout the break while the scoreboard flashed "1997 NL East Division -Champions." In the bottom of the inning, the

Braves had a chance to break a 2-2 tie and give Maddux his 20th victory wheo they loaded the bases with one out But Danny Bautista struck out and Andruw Jones popped weakly to short.

Mets 10, Marlins 3 In Miami, the fireworks malfunctioned, the crowd booed, and Florida's bid to clinch a playoff berth in their final home game eoded with a dismal defeat.

Carlos Baerga hit a three-run homer and Bobby Jones pitched eight strong innings to help New York win its third in a row against of visiting. San Francisco increased the uncharacteristically sloppy writs NL. West lead to 24 games.

Florida still needs one victory, or one loss by both Los Angeles and New York. The Marlins play their

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final six games on the road, beginning yesterday at Montreal.

Nothing went right for the Marlins. Florida pitchers walked eight, including three with the bases loaded. Rookie Livan Hernandez (9-3) lasted just 2% innings, his shortest outing this year. And third baseman Bobby Bonilla's error led to two unearned runs in a six-run third inning.

Astros 6, Reds 3 Jeff Bagwell became Houston's first 30-30 player and the visiting Astros reduced their clinching number to three by rallying to beat

Cincinnati. The NL Ceotral leaders scored four runs in the eighth inning to move a step closer to their first division otle since 1986.

Pittsburgh, which beat St. Louis 3-1 Monday night, trails the Astros by 3½ games.

Reds closer Jeff Shaw, who leads the NL with 40 saves, took Bob Abreu's liner off his left kneecap and was carried off the field in the eighth inning. X-rays found oo fracture, and the injury was diagnosed as a bone bruise. The Reds said he might be able to pitch again this week.

Bagwell doubled twice, walked three times, stole two bases and extended his hitting streak to nine games. Bagwell, who has a clubrecord 42 bomers, doubled home a run in the first inning and stole third for No. 30. He's the first fullome first baseman to steal 30 bases and hit 30 borners in a sea-

Pirates 3, Cardinals 1 Jason Schmidt limited visiting

St. Louis to four hits over seven innings and started Pittsburgh's two-run fifth inning with a double. Mark McGwire, who has 54 bomers, was 0-for-4 with two strikeouts and finished the series 1-for-15. He is 0-for-12 since homering in the fifth inning Friday

The Pirates outscored the Cardinals 27-4 to win the final three games of the four-game series. Schmidt (10-8) became the fourth Pirates' pitcher to win at least 10 games.

Giants 11, Padres 5 Barry Bonds homered again as

The Giants cut their magic ber to four over idle Angeles. San Francisco has five games left and the Dodgers have six remaining.

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BOOMTOWN - Mariners' Ken Griffey, Jr. watches his 54th HR sail into the Oakland night. Griffey's 4th-inning blast was followed by his 55th later in the game.

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BATTING-Filhomas, Chicago, 352; EMartinez, Seattle, 332; Ramirez, Cleveland, 331; Justice, Cleveland, 331; BeWilliams, New York, 323; Greer, Texas, 322; O'Neill, New York, 322. RUNS—Griffey Jr, Seattle, 121; Garciaparra, Boston, 119; Jeter, New York, 114; Knoblauch, Mionesota, 114; 8LNunter, Detroit, 110; Fibonas, Chicago, 107; ToClark, Detroit, 104; Greer, Texas,

104; EMartinez, Seattle, 104; Cora, Seattle, 104. RB1-Griffey Jr. Seattle, 145; TMartinez, New York, 139; Salmoo, Anaheim, 124; JuGonzalez,

Texas, 122; FThomas, Chicago, 121; ToClark, Decroit, 115; O'Neill, New York, 115. HITS-Garciaparra, Boston, 201; Greer, Texas, 186; Jeter, New York, 184; GAnderson, Anabeim, 182; Griffey Jr. Seattle, 180; Ramirez, Cleveland, 179; Rodriguez, Texas, 179; Fihomas, Chicago, 179;

EMartinez, Seattle, 179. HOME RUNS-Griffey Jr., Seattle, 55; Thartinez, New York, 43; Thome, Cleveland, 40; JuGonzalez, Texas, 39; Buhner, Seattle, 39; APalmeiro, Baltimore, 37; McGwire, Oakland, 34.* STOLEN BASES-BLHuoter, Detroit, 72; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 59; TGoodwin, Texas, 47; Nixon, Toronto, 47; Yizquei, Cleveland, 43; Durham, Chicago, 33; ARodriguez, Seattle, 29.
PITCHING (18 Decisions)—Rajohnson, Seattle, 18-4, 818, 2.26; Moyer, Seattle, 17-4, 810.

14-6, J00, 452; Erickson, Baltimore, 16-7, .696, 3.71; Blair, Detroit, 16-7, .696, 3.97. STRIKEOUTS-Rajohnson, Seattle, 277; Clemens, Toronto, 273; Cone, New York, 220; Hossina, Baltimore, 211; Appier, Kansas City, 191; Fassero, Seattle, 186; Radke, Hinnesota, 171. SAVES-HRivera, New York, 43; Rallyers, Baltimore, 43; Bojones, Milwaukee, 34; Tojones, Detroit, 31; Wetteland, Texas, 30; Percival, Anaheim, 27; Ellernandez, Chicago, 27.

3.68; Clemens, Toronto, 21-6, .778, 2.00; Petritte, New York, 18-7, .720, 2.86; Hershiser, Cleveland,

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BATTING—Gwynn, San Diego, 373; LWalker, Colorado, 367; Piazza, Los Angeles, 357; Loston, Arlama, 334; Joyner, San Diego, 331; MaGrace, Chicago, 324; Alfonzo, New York, 320. RUNS-Biggio, Hooston, 141; Walker, Colorado, 140; Galarraga, Colorado, 119; Bonds, San francisco, 117; Bagwell, Houston, 105; EcYoung, Los Angeles, 102; Chjones, Atlanta, 100. RB1—Galarraga, Colorado, 134; Bagwell, Houston, 131; LWalker, Colorado, 127; Sosa, Chicago, 119; Gwynn, San Oiego, 118; Piazza, Los Angeles, 116; Kent, San Francisco, 115; Bichette, Colorado

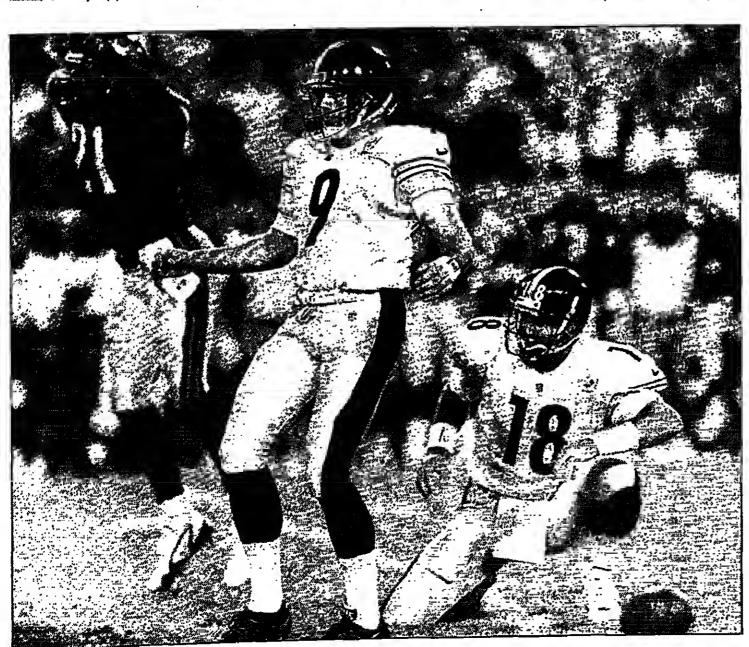
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HOME RUNS—LWalker, Colorado, 48; Bagwell, Houston, 42; Castilla, Colorado, 40; Galarraga, Colorado, 40; Bonds, San Francisco, 38; Piazza, Los Angeles, 37; Sosa, Chicago, 36.

STOLEN BASES—Womack, Pirtsburgh, 56; DSanders, Cincinnaii, 56; DeShields, 5c, Louis, 49;

EcYoung, Los Angeles, 45; Biggio, Houston, 44; Bonds, Sao Francisco, 35; QVeras, San Diego, 33. PITCHING (18 Decisions)—Heagle, Atlanta, 20-4, .833, 2.84; GMaddux, Atlanta, 19-4. .826, 2.20; Estes, San Francisco, 18-5, .783, 3.25; Kile, Houston, 18-7, .720, 2.55; Rueter, San Francisco, 13-6, .684, 3.45; PJMartinez, Montreal, 17-8, .680, 1.92; Glavine, Atlanta, 14-7, .667, 3.01. STRIKEOUTS-Schilling, Philadelphia, 313; PJMartinez, Montreal, 296; Smoltz, Atlanta, 233; Nomo, Los Angeles, 227; Kile, Houston, 199; KJBrown, Florida, 197; AFernandez, Florida, 178.

SAVES—Shaw, Gocinnati, 40; Beck, San Francisco, 37; Hoffman, San Diego, 36; Jofranco, New York, 36; Eckersley, St. Louis, 36; ToWorrell, Los Angeles, 35; Nea, Florida, 34.



NIPPED IN THE SNAP - Steelers kicker Norm Johnson (9) and place holder Mike Tomczak (18) watch the blocked missed field goal attempt roll by, sealing the win for Jacksonville.

Blocked FG try wins for Jaguars

JACKSONVILLE (AP) - The Jacksonville Jaguars beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 30-21 Monday night when Jim Sweeney's snap was low and Norm Johnson's kick was blocked. Chris Hudson returned it 58 yards for a touchdown.

It was the second Monday night in a row that it happened - last week, the Philadelphia Eagles botched a snap and were unable to get off a game-winning field goal attempt in Dallas. It was the third home win in

three tries over Pittsburgh for Jacksonville (3-0), which joined Denver, New England and Tampa Bay (all 4-0) as the NFL's only unbeaten teams. It was the Jaguars' seventh straight regularseason victory, dating back to Nov. 17. This one was a battle between

Mark Brunell and Jerome Bettis. Brunell, who watched as Rob Johnson and Steve Matthews won the laguars' first two games, threw for 306 yards and a touchdown as 3acksonville lost a 17-7 halftime lead, then rallied to go ahead 23-21 before the final play.

The Jaguars added the final extra poiot after many of the players had left the field.

It was Bettis who rallied the Steelers (1-2), rushing for 114 yards, 97 in the second half as the Steelers took a 21-20 lead.

With the help of a 15-yard roughoess call oo Pittsburgb's Nolan Harrison, Brunell brought the Jaguars back. Mike Hollis' 27yard field goal with 4:14 left accounted for the winning points, but it was Brunell and Jimmy Smith who did the work, overcoming the second-half heroics of

Backsonville controlled the first half, holding the ball for more than 21 of the 30 minutes and scoring off two turnovers. Then the Steelers turned to

They went 80 yards in 13 plays off the opening kickoff, 44 of the yards by Bettis.

Then, after Hollis' 45-yard field goal extended Jacksonville's lead to 20-14, the Steelers struck again. Will Blackwell's 52-yard kickoff return gave Pittsburgh the ball on the Jacksonville 48, and from there the Steelers took seven plays 10 score - on Kordell Stewart's 1yard pass to Mark Breuner on the first play of the fourth quarter. Each team scored on its opening

Brunell missed his first pass, but connected on his next four for 56 yards as Jacksonville weot 68 yards in 10 plays to make it 7-0. But the Steelers came right back, going 80 yards in six, 49 of the

Pittsburgh 7 0 7 7—21 jacksonville 7 10 3 10—30 First Quarter: Jac.—Heans I run (Hollis bick), 9:48.

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Quarter: Jac.—J.Smith II pass from Brunell (Hollis kick), 12:36. Jac-F6 Hollis 20, :04. Third Quarter: Pit—Thigpen 4 pass from K.Stewart (N.Johnson kick), 7:21. Jac—FG Hollis 45, 1:25. Fourth Quarter: Pit-Breuner I pass from K.Stewart (N.Johnson kick). 14:56. Jac-FG Hollis 27, 4:14. Jac-Hudson 58 blocked FG return (Hollis kick), :00.A-73,016. OUSKING-Pittsburgh, Bettis 21-114, E.Stewart 6-19. Jones 1-18, Witman 1-2. Jacksonville, Means 24-40,

jones 1-18, Witman 1-2. Jacksonville, Means 24-40, J.Stewart 2-0.

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yards on a pass to Charles Johnson. Two plays later, Stewart scrambled 6 yards for the TD.

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Mary Albert accuser testifies

ARLINGTON (AP) - The woman who they could create for their sexual encounter. accuses sportscaster Mary Albert of attacking her in a hotel room took the stand yesterday, telling a jury he pressured her for three-way sex and threw ber down on the bed after asking her "Why are you wearing a robe?"

The woman said the violence was a new aspect to their 10-year sexual relationship, where previously, "He would lead me very gently." Her voice began to break and became lower as she continued describing the February 12 hotel room encounter that led to criminal eharges against Albert, 54, NBC television's chief basketball play-by-play announcer.

She said she repeatedly protested, telling Albert that she had back problems and that he was hurting her. She said he began to bite ber and later forced her mouth open to perform oral sex, saying "You're enjoying this. You enjoy rough sex.

She grabbed her hair, illustrating for the jury what she said Albert had done to pull her head toward him.

She said he told her that she was "a bad girl" for not bringing along another man for threeway sex, using an angry, scolding voice as she quoted him. She had testified that he had called her at home the night before and asked her if she had anyone in mind yet and what scenarios

Albert's accuser described a tender scene in the botel room between them in the minutes



Mary Albert.

before the attack as she sat on his lep, they kissed and began to disrobe. The woman said the mood turned sharply after she came out of the bathroom wearing a robe.

I said I had put on some weight and felt embarrassed."After Albert helped her remove the robe, "then he grabbed me by the waist and threw me on the bed. He jumped on my lower back," she said.

The 42-year-old woman, speaking softly. said the NBC sponscaster seemed "very much like a gentleman, very well spoken" when they met a decade ago.

She told jurors how she had arranged threeway encounters with Albert and other men. She said she and Albert remained close as each went through divorces, and they spoke hy

phone at least once a week. . The woman said Albert was particularly fond

of oral sex and asked her for it often. He was also fond of women's underwear. "He always told me what he like me to wear

and what to bring, what color," she said. When asked by Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney why he asked her to bring extra panties, the woman responded, "For him to wear."

When the relationship began, she thought she was falling in love with Albert, "but I thought he was a hit self-centered. ... I didn't see myself to be with somebody like that."

Charged with sodomy and assault and bat-tery, Albert could face from five years to life in prison if convicted.

By DEREK FATTAL Champions Betar Jerusalem destroyed State Cup holders Hapoel Beersheba last night in a stunning 7-2 victory that closed round 6 of National League play and left no

Israel may be feeling somewhat relieved after the technical win over Morocco hut there is still stiff competition looming ahead in the next round of

The eight teams, hesides England, France, Austria, Denmark, Finland, Norway,

The draw to decide Israel's



doubt as to their desire to capture

Hungarian maestro Stefan Saloi

got himself on to the scoresheet

four times in a remarkable match

that was tied 0-0 at halftime. The

Betar forward scored straight after

the interval and supplied a second

the 57th minute from a well-struck

effort by Yossi Ahuksis, then Saloi

scored the best goal of the night

two minutes afterwards, pivoting

past a defender in the area then

cheekily prodding the ball past the

helpless Hapoel goalkeeper Shaul

By the time Saloi scored again

for the fourth and final time in the

The Betaris increased the lead in

the title again this season.

goal eight minutes later.

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Rusedski struggles to win in Munich MUNICH (AP) - Britain's

newest hero. Greg Rusedski. struggled to beat Todd Woodbridge yesterday as the hunt started for tennis' richest prize at the Compay Grand Slum

Rusedski, who electrified his countrymen by reaching the US Open finals, slammed 20 aces and needed almost two hours to edge the Australian, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5 in a first-round match.

Most of the world's top players are entered, looking to take home the sport's top purse of \$1.5 mil-

Rusedski broke Woodbridge's serve at 6-5 in the third set with an angled cross-court return, then serving out for the win.

Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia blew past Spain's Sergi Bruguera in a battle of former French Open winners, 6-4, 6-3, at the event, which brings together the 16 players showing the best record in the Grand Slams.

France's Cedric Pioline won when Belgium's Filip DeWalf withdrew in the second set with a twisted ankle with the score 7-6

(7-4), 2-2.Chile's Marcelo Rios also struggled at first before ousting Australia's Mark Woodforde, 6-7. (2-7), 6-3, 6-1,

Top players like Pete Sampras. US Open champion Patrick Rafter and French Open champion Gustavo Kuerten play their opening matches today.

"He said, 'Why are you wearing e robe,' and More violence could cause Euro Cup expulsion of Pontypridd, Brive

PONTYPRIDD, Wales (AP) — Stung by £30,000 in fines for an on-field hrawl nine days ago, Pontypridd and defending utilist French cluh Brive stadium to prevent will be thrown out of rugby union's European Cup if there is a violent repeat when they meet again Saturday.

The French players have threatened to boycott the game at Sardis Road after the September 14 violence in which two players were sent off and hrawling erupted again afterwards in a Brive bar.

On Monday, the European Cup committee fined both clubs - half the fines being suspended - and warned that they would be disqualified from the competition if they were involved in any more vio-

"Our players know of the possible consequences if they step out of line on Saturday but I know that they will rise above all that," Pontypridd manager Eddie

Security has been increased at the 8,000-capacity stadium to prevent any further trouble from the Welsh fans. But the trouble more likely will be on the field.

Pontypridd's New Zealand-born No.8 Dale McIntosh and Brive flank forward Lionel Mallier were both expelled after they were involved in a 20-man hrawl. The French players called their Welsh opponents "semi-civilized" and "animals" because of the behavior during the game and afterwards in a har.

We in Pontypridd have not been dragged down to an insult-swapping situation," said the Welsh club's chief executive, Cenydd Thomas.

"We have kept our comments strictly to the facts, and we haven't said one word that could be interpreted as an insult to Brive or their players."

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Davis Cuppers in tough group

Davis Cup tennis.

Israel, who will compete in the Euro/African Zone Group I are Rumania and the Ukraine.

opponent will be made next month in London. If Israel faces England, France

or Austria, the tie will be played in Ramat Hasharon hut against Norway or Rumania, Israel will be the guests. Heather Chait

79th minute the Betar faithful were hoarse from their celebrations.

Sergei Gossiyev and Yossi Benayoun each managed to reply on behalf of the Negev side but this only served to send the

Jerusalemites storming over the ramparts in search of further With his own appetite satiated, Saloi laid on a goal for colleague Nir Sevila two minutes from time, and in the final minute of the match Eli Ohana joined in the goalfest heading in the seventh of

the night. The result sends Betar into second place behind Hapoel Tel Aviv and should do wonders for their self-esteem as they face two critical games in the next six days - a weekend appointment with fellow-title contenders Hapoel Petah Tikva and a return-leg UEFA Cup match against FC Brugge on

Greeks drop Ra'anana

By ELI GRONER

Dino Radja scored at will and dominated the paint, pouring in 32 points to go along with his 14 rebounds, as Panathinaikos defeated Maccahi Ra'anana 84-74 in EuroCup play last night. The win sent the Greeks to the top of Group 8, while Ra'anana fell to 1-1.

Ra'anana wasn't able to convert its good fortune - playing the heavy favorites to win the cup et home before the Greeks have hit their stride - into an upset victory. But they were close. A Paul Thompson (14 points) three-point play with under 12 minutes remaining gave the locals a 53-50 advan-

tage. But a 12-2 Greek run a few

minutes sealed the victory In other EuroCup action, Hapoel Eilat trounced Germany's Rondorf club, [117-71.

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Glamorgan, King of Wales

voted with their feet this week and illustrated where, for many, the principality's priorities lie.

The referendum of the Welsh people on whether they wanted their own form of self government in the year 2000 was swing in the end by the extra 6,721 who put their cross in the 1,112,117.

But the real contest of the week was to be found a few miles over the Severn Bridge

in England, where Glamorgan beat Somerset to win their first county cricket championship since 1969.

The aforesaid Welshmen with the voting feet managed to turn the cozy little Taunton ground into a far-flung corner of Wales and as the jubilant Welsh side celebrated the victory which narrowly pipped Kent to the title, the strains of "Land Of My Fathers" could be heard rising from the masses.

Glamorgan are a proud county. unique among those contesting the county championship each year in that they are actually based outside England.

Therefore pulling on the famous sweater with the yellow daffodil emhlem seems to instill much more than just profession-

al pride in the county's players. Of the 11 who took the field for the championship decider this week, no fewer than nine were either born or educated in Wales. Only Yorkshire among first class counties could hope to achieve such a pooling of local

Even then, whereas the White Rose county's recently-discard-ed policy of "Yorkies only" seemed to be a hindrance, Glamorgan's natural trawl of players close to its heartland

appears to be a positive benefit. The county side acutely reflects the Welsh people, who in recent days have agonized so much over whether devolution from

A few thousand Welshmen Westminster would be right for them. Passionate, proud and on occasions perhaps a touch too parochial, they have often been seen as a friendly, soft touch side who lack the killer instinct to win major honors.

As their victorious captain Matthew Maynard observed: "Perhaps we needed to become a "Yes' box among an electorate of little less friendly and more

focussed on winning."
Certainly like last LONDON CALLING when Leicestershire won the title, the team which has

performed consistently over the season has taken the top spot. Opener Steve James secured an England A team trip this winter thanks to a hatful of runs, Hugh Morris played what may well turn out to he his last season for the clnh as though it was his first and Darren Thomas weighed in with over 50 wickets.

But perhaps the key factor in the championship win was the signing of Waqar Younis. Wales may have produced some fine cricketers but it needed this native of Vehari, Pakistan, to tip the balance in their favor.

Bowling with fire, intelligence and a lot of heart, Waqar took 68 wickets - many at vital stages of games - to keep the Welshmen in the hunt.

And finally Maynard. Captaining the side with intelligence and purpose, he joins James Whitaker of Leicestershire and Dermot Reeve and Tim Munton of Warwickshire as rejects from the England side who have gone on to lead championship winning sides in the past four seasons.

Given the talent which has passed through their sides since 1969, the long-suffering Welsh supporters may have had to wait too long for another championship trophy to leave England, But now they have done it again don't bank on it being another 28 years before the valleys reverberate with more victory



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Forest players urged to sue Anderlecht

NOTTINGHAM (AP) -Convinced they were cheated out of a place in the 1984 UEFA Cup final hy a bribed referee, former Nottingham Forest stars said yes-terday they may sue the cluth that beat them, Belgium's Anderlecht. A day after UEFA banned Anderlecht from the next

European competition it qualifies for, the Forest players were urged to take legal action against the Belgian club. UEFA imposed the sanction after former Anderlecht chairman

earlier this month he paid \$26,000 as "a loan" to Spanish referee Guruceta Muro, who took charge of the 1984 UEFA Cup semifinal game in Brussels. Vanden Stock denied he tried to

Constant Vanden Stock confessed

influence the game, which Anderlecht, helped by a contro-versial penalty and a disallowed

Forest goal, won 3-0 to reach the final 3-2 on aggregate.

Anderlecht was beaten in the final by another Eoglish chib, Tottenham. The club believes Anderlecht

undermined the whole moral and ethical base of football," said Forest's public relations officer and former captain, Larry Lloyd. "Nottingham Forest are of the firm option that UEFA have not gone far enough in their punish-

ment of Anderlecht "Most of the players who played in that game have joined forces with the club in agreeing to consider taking further action. Nottingham Forest and the players involved will be guided by legal advice from Brussels."

UEFA president Lennard Johansson defended the punish-Lennari ment, saying it was "morally and ethically correct."

South Africa to play Austria, Denmark

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) in Copenhagen on June 3.

South Africa are to play The country last week invited - South Africa are to play friendlies against Austria and Denmark next year ahead of their first appearance in the World Cup finals, officials said yesterday.

South Africa have accepted invitations to play Austria in Vienna on May 31 and Denmark

England to travel to Johannesburg to play another friendly in May as part of their prepara-tions for the finals.

The announcement brings to If the number of games South Africa will play ahead of the tournament in France.

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English transfer system faces shake-up

LONDON (Reuters) — The Premier League plans to introduce a new transfer system in July which could make instant millionaires of its top

players but the scheme faces opposition from smaller soccer clubs.

Under the new system, which promotes "player power" in the aftermath of the Bosman ruling, a player over 24 who reached the end of his contract would be able to move clubs without a transfer fee. These players would, however, expect to attract a sizable signing-on

fee and negotiate huge salaries. Mike Lee, spokesman for the Premier League, said yesterday it wanted this new system to start from July 1, 1998, during the close season. It has the support of the players' "trade union," the Professional Footballers' Association.

But he said agreement had not been reached with the Football League, representing the interests of clubs in lower divisions. They understand the need for reform but they are seeking a transitional period," Lee said.

He said the new system would oot affect the in-contract system from which most clubs in the lower leagues derive their transfer income.

By creating a level playing field with the conditions attached to overseas players, it would increase the incentive to buy British, Lee said.

Under the new system, players aged up to 21 will gain development and training contracts with one day a week reserved for studying

If, at 21, the player is offered a new contract but decides to leave, the original club should receive compensation from his new club. From 21 to 24, any selling club relinquishing a player could claim compensation, the level of which would be established by a panel.

New ICC boss wants

quadrennial world c'ship

towards vocational qualifications.

SYDNEY (Reuter) - Australian

Malcolm Gray, the next International Cricket Council

president, said yesterday he wants

to introduce a quadrennial Test

championship in the new millen-

Gray was appointed to replace India's Jagmohan Dalmiya as the

"It's too early to say exactly how

"It's a matter of all the countries

getting together and working out

their programming so we can find

time to play it."
Gray, 57, will serve as vice-pres-

ident from June 1999 before replacing Dalmiya as president a

He was appointed to the role by the Australian Cricket Board

under the ICC's new rotation sys-

tem in which each of the nine Test-

playing nations takes turns in

The system was introduced last

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cricket.

March after the vote between Gray Africa, Zimbabwe and New and Dalmiya for the current presi-Zealand have Test match status. dency ended in deadlock.

The state of the s

Gray, who will become the first Australian to head the game's rul-

ing body, said while he believed cricket was currently in a healthy

state, administrators needed to

make changes to guarantee the

sport's long-term success.

The higgest challenge that

faces us is how we can manage the

sport's commercial interests with

the way we want the game to be

played," he said. "This is some-

thing that is happening in sports

around the world. In our case, we

have to find a balance between the

commercial appeal of one-day cricket with the traditions of Test

in that it has brought in lots of new fans, but in the last five to 10 years

it's got to the stage where the

majority think we're playing too much one-day cricket."

Gray said his plans to develop the game would include increasing

the number of countries allowed to

play Test cricket. At present only

Australia, England, West Indies,

Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, South

"One day cricket has been good

NEWS

of the muse

Ashdod alive with the sound of chamber music

The Ashdod Chamber Orchestra, under new music director Luis Gorelik, presents a series of eight programs this season, each presented in two locales in Ashdod: Yad Labanim and Heichal Hatarbut. Gorelik will lead half the programs. Others to share conducting duties include Israelis Michael Haran and Ricardo Futoransky, Korean Rin-Jong Hyang, and Spaniard Roberto Tubaro. Among the soloists are pianist Yanma Kudlik, cellist Luba Rabin, and clarinetist Ilan Schul. The repertoire varies from Mozart, Bartok and Vivaldi to Copland, Handel, and Israeli composer Daniel Shalit. The season opens November 20. Michael Aizenstadt

Russia chastises Gergiev

The Russian government chastised the artistic director of the Kirov Opera and Ballet on Tuesday for signing a guest contract with New York's Metropolitan Opera without official approval. Government spokesman Igor Shabdrasulov noted that it took a presidential directive to appoint Valery Gergiev to the Kirov,

based at the Mariinsky Theater in St. Petersburg.

"[As] the artistic and general director of the Mariinsky Theater.

Gergiev must not take unilateral steps and sign foreign contracts without informing the Russian government of this and coordinating the matter with it," Shabdrasulov told ITAR-Tass news agency. The Russian government has not said whether it will try to block the contract under which Gergiev will conduct eight operas at the Met in the next five seasons, primarily works in Russian. He will be the Met's first principal guest conductor.

Exotic 'English Patient' site a big draw

Onk Ejmel ("The Camel's Neck") is becoming a popular tourist site in Tunisia. Shaped by the winds, it is named after a rock that resembles the neck of a carnel. Why the attraction?

Millions of fans of The English Patient have seen this rock as the backdrop for some of the Oscar-winning film's scenes, including the dramatic plane crash that opens the picture. In 1995, The English Patient producer and designer were looking for a desert site where they could land a plane. When they

came across Onk Ejmel, they thought it was fantastic. It was fantastic for Tunisian tourism too. "The success of The English Patient was a godsend," said Tunisian Tourism Minister Slahedine Maaoui. "The beauty of the desert sites where it was partly filmed has had a positive effect on Saharan tourism in Tunisia." Onk Ejmel is 30 km from the luxury hotels boarding the oasis of Tozeur. Bookings in the area were 15% higher than last year. That is good oews for a country that derives 16%, or \$1.3 billion, of its foreign currency revenue from tourism. (Reuters)

Cough-free concerts

BBC Radio, eager to take the cough ont of concerts, is offering free cough drops in rustle-proof wrappers to audiences attending live performances.

The move was applauded by pianist Allan Schiller who said, "There is nothing worse than getting to a quiet moment and people coughing or opening candy wrappers."

The BBC's Radio 3 classical music station is giving out the powerful menthol and eucalyptus lozenges in specially waxed paper wrappers. "Venues feel they are being genuinely helpful to their patrons. They will also make life much easier for the audience listening at home," said Radio 3 marketing manager James

Billy Joel rolls over to classical music

Billy Joel's blind love of rock 'n' roll is over. "I started out got to be 13, this hot seductress in shredded fishnet stockings swept me away: I had a passionate affair with rock 'n' roll. But I'm 48 now and it's getting old."

Joel, whose latest album is Greatest Hits Volume III, announced recently he has quit writing pop music, at least temporarily, and is focusing on classical compositions. His disenchantment runs deep. "I don't want to be a rock star. I want to be an artist," he

The singer of such radio hits as "Tell Her about It" and "Uptown Girl" thinks he's not the only guy his age tiring of the same old pop-music formulas. "The boomers are out of the pop field right now," he said. "They don't like what they're hearing, and they're not buying it."

(AP)

No highest bidder for Hendrix guitar

A guitar once owned by the late rock legend Jimi Hendrix, which had been expected to fetch more than £180,000

(\$287,000), failed to find a buyer at a recent auction in London. The black Fender Stratocaster, given by Hendrix to fellow rock musician Al Kooper in 1968, was bid up to £100,000 but failed to reach its reserve price, which was not disclosed.

A guitar used by Hendrix, who died in 1970, at the Woodstock Festival sold for £198,000 in 1990. (Renters



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Tali Milstein (22) is just one of thousands of Israelis who have bought Elton John's 'Candle in the Wind 1997.'

'Candle' burning strong

By CHARLES SOLOMON

Torldwide orders for Elton John's "Candle in the Wind 1997," his trib-ute to the late Diana, Princess of Wales, are closing in on the 10 million mark, The song is destined to become the biggest selling single in the history of recorded music.

And Israel is no exception. Retail outlets throughout the country are reporting recordbreaking demand for the re-recorded version of "Candle in the Wind." Today the song's local distributor, Helicon, is expected to announce that the record has gone gold - i.e., over 20,000 copies sold. This is the first time a single has ever achieved this volume in Israel.

The song has such universal appeal that people from seven to 70 have been lining up to buy their copy of it.

The song was originally recorded in 1973 as a tribute to film star and pop icon Marilyn Monroe. As soon as news of Diana's death became known, radio stations around the world began playing "Candle in the Wind," as the lyrics seemed to mirror the life and death of the Princess of Wales.

After being approached by Buckingham Palace to perform the song at Diana's funeral, Elton John asked his original writing partner, Bernie Taupin, to rewrite the lyrics. With less than a week to complete the task, Bernie Taupin was at first reluctant to change the lyrics for fear of being disrespectful to Diana's memory. But in the end, he came up with the "England's Rose" lyrics, which perfectly captured the public's mood.

The song was re-recorded in just two takes, a

few hours after the funeral, with Sir George Martio (the Beatles' producer) in charge of pro-

With radio stations across the globe playing the original version of the song, as well as the live version taped from the funeral, it was left to Elton John's record company, Polygram, to release the re-recorded version in less than two weeks. With pre-sale orders in the UK alone standing at 1.5 million copies, this was an incredible accomplishment.

On the day of its release in the UK, "Candle in the Wind" sold 658,000, instantly propelling it to the No. 1 position on the British charts. It thus became the fastest selling single in British music industry history (only "Do They Know It's Christmas?" comes close, selling 750,000 copies in its first week of release in 1984). Eight days after its release, "Candle" had sold over two million copies in the UK.

Worldwide orders for the single currently stand at eight million, over half of those for the US and another million for Germany.

Traditionally, Israel is not a singles market. It is only in the last few years that singles have been made available commercially. But the local Polygram licensees foresaw the huge local demand for the single and in a race against the clock, manufactured the single for the local market.

Elton John has always been immensely popular in Israel. His songs are a staple diet of the country's many pop radio stations. His albums continue to sell well, but in a strange twist of fate, his latest album The Big Picture, which is being released this month and does not contain the re-recorded version of "Candle in the Wind," might be eclipsed by the popularity of "Candle in the Wind 1997."

John and his record company. Polygram, have done all they can to separate the two releases, not wanting to be seen as cashing in on Diana's death by including "Candle in the Wind" on his new album.

Under normal circumstances, record companies would reap huge profits from the sale of such a mega hit. But to the music industry's credit, all proceeds from the song are being donated to the Diana, Princess of Wales, Memorial Fund. The British government has announced that all VAT from sales of the single will be donated to the fund as well.

Instead of numerous tribute albums being released, the British record industry has united behind Virgin Records boss, Richard Branson. in releasing a sole rribute album, scheduled for release in December. Its working title is Diana, Queen Of Hearts. The album will feature rerecorded versions of old songs, in addition to new ones especially written for the project.

A similar situation occurred in Israel after the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. All the local record companies pooled their artists and resources and released a single tribute album enutled Goodbye Friend.

A Live Aid-style concert in memory of Diana is already in the planning stages. It is slated to take place simultaneously in London and New York on September 6, 1998, the first anniversary of her funeral.

The tribute concerts have already attracted some of the biggest names in popular music, with stars such as Paul McCartney, The Rolling Stones, Sung, and Annie Lennox due to appear.

Monterey Jazz Fest turns 40

By DAVID KLIGMAN

n opening night of the injugural Monterey Juzz Festival in 1958, emcee Dizzy Gillespie knelt on stage in front of Louis Arntstrong, then rose and kissed his idol's hand.

The gesture stunned the legendary trumpeter and was one of the first of many memorable moments at the festival, which helped introduce jazz to the California coastal community that initially was leery of such an

lts rival, the Newport Jazz Festival in the aristocratic New England sailing town of Newport, Rhode Island, began four years eartier. But Monterey, which celebrated its 40th anniversary on Friday, is billed as the world's longest continuous jazz festival.

Monierey has always been spe-

"I think it's one of the greatest settings for jazz that there is," says arranger Gerald Wilson, whose "Thenie for Montercy" composition debuted at the lesti-

"It has so much history. You've got the ocean. You've got Cannery Row, You've got John Steinbeck. The whole setting is

fabulous," says Wilson, 78.

Besides Wilson, the 40th anniversary lineup included Arturo Sandoval, David Sanborn, Dave Ellis, Sonny Rollins and Jim Hall. Saturday afternoon wa devoted to the blues, with Buddy Guy, Koko Taylor and Ous Rush.

There was also a selection of songs from West Side Story, jazz photography exhibits and a panel discussion of jazz and the movies with Dave Grusin and Clint Eastwood, a festival board member and former mayor in nearby Carniel. Tickets for the 6,500seat arena, where the top acts perform, sold out io July. Families often include their seasoo tickets in wills and they have been contested in divorce settle-

With such a successful formula, it's hard to believe that festival founder Jimmy Lyons at first wasn'l sure whether Monterey would support a jazz event.

"He had to convince the community that jazz - which meant black people and junkies -wouldn't spoil the children, wilt the vegetation or corrupt the coastline," Ira Kamin wrote in his 1978 history of the festival, Dizzy, Duke, the Count and Me. Nearly all the jazz greats have played Monterey - Armstrong, Gillespie, Duke Ellington, Thelonious Monk, Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Stan Getz, Count Basie, Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan and on and on. Dave Brubeck, Max Roach and

Gerry Mulligan all performed that first year, with Mort Sahl entertaining the audience with jokes between acts.

It also was the only time Billie Holiday appeared at the Monterey festival. She wore a fur to keep warm in the chilly October air and looked lost as she began her performance on the last night of the festival. Mulligan put his arm around her and comforted her.

Holiday began by singing her mournful standard. "Good Morning, Heartache," but later slurred her words and had to be helped off stage.

She died nine months later at the age of 44 after years of drug abuse.

Jazz was then such a novelty to the area that organizers of the first festival included an encyclopedia definition of the term in the program. There also was a lengthy list of hipster terms.

Maybe the festival's greatest contribution was bringing jazz to a wider audience.

If there were any complaints throughout the years, it was that the festival wasn't diverse enough under Lyons's leadership.

Lyons died in 1994, two years after he retired.

You could say that he got a liltle stale at the end," says Tim Jackson, who replaced Lyons as the festival's general manager, "But I think Jimmy always looked at it from his own artistic perspective.

"And that's what made the Monterey programming so unique, and that's what makes it stand the test of time, when you look back over the programs and see who was here."

This year also marked the 28th year of the festival-sponsored jazz competition for West Coast high-school students. Winners perform at the festival as part of an all-star band and tour Japan every year.

A few have gone on to prominence after high school, including pianist Benny Green, who was invited to help lead this year's high-school all-star band.

As for the actual experience of attending the festivel. Green describes it as a "serious party."

The magic of Mendelssohn

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

This bas been Mendelssohn year for . Israeli pianist Daniel Gorder, who helps the Israel Chamber Orchestra open its season this week by performing the composer's second piano concerto. The concerts come in between recording sessions in which the 32-year-old piaoist puts on disc Mendelssohn's Lieder Ohne Worte ("Songs Without Words"), to be released next year by the Jerusalem Music Center.

"I love Mendelssohn," he says. Each of these wordless songs is just gorgeous and contrary to popular belief, some are very

difficult to perform." Gorder revels in Mendelssohn's richness of melodic inventions.

"The secood movement of the concerto is like one of these songs, it is a great song. Mendelssohn for me is a pure romantic composer. It is actually strange that be was and still is never as popular as some other composers who wrote music

which does not equal his own. I sincerely believe that he was a much better orchestrator than Schubert,"

Gortler might very well top this Mendelssohn year in March in New York, where he is scheduled to play the entire cycle of the Lieder Ohne Worte in recital at the prestigious 92nd Street Y concert hall in upper Manhattan, as part of Israel's

ebrations. Gortter talks candidly and amiably about his first meeting with Spanish con-

50th anniversary cel-

ductor Salvador Mas-Conde, who leads the ICO in the current concerts.

"It was a very smooth meeting; we agreed about everything."

How much place is there actually for tension between soloist and conductor? What is the ideal relationship between the two of



Daniel Gortler

concerto." But there are conductors who do not necessarily subscribe to the same theory. "Occasionally you have to give in to a conductor, especially if he is the music director of the orchestra that invited you,

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even when you feel that his demands for tempi are wrong or at teast something you do not believe in," he says. "That said, at concert time,

the sotoist can always somewhat push his own way. But on the

"The conductor is much more whole I prefer a conductor who expresses his notions to one who has nothing whatsoever to say that is the worst for me." Gortler, who travels regular-

into the orchestra out there," ty all over the world, always big but - he must also returns to his home in Tel Aviv. between foreign engagefollow the soloist. In

"As strange as it might sound, this is where I relax. It is good for me to return in between travels. Last year I spent a long time in New York but I really cannot see myself living there; it's a

Crazy city."
Obviously Gortler would have liked to perform more on home furf but "there are not that many opportunities here, are there? Frankly, I am invited quite often to play with orchestras here and there are also chamber-music concerts and recitals as well. But this is a small country and we all know it."

Daniel Gortler plays Mendelssohn's second piano concerto tonight, tomorrow, Sunday ond Monday night with the ICO at the Tel Aviv Museum.



The Museum opens at 20:00, Concert begins at 20:30.

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By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

pera recordings are particularly hard to come by, because recording the works is expensive, and the market is not as responsive as it used to be. So record companies are reissuing recordings from their vaults on budget-priced CDs. Philips, EMI and Decca have their familiar two-discsfor-the-price-of-one series, amassing extensive catalogs.

Now RCA is releasing budgetpriced discs with booklets con- Donizetti's

alog includes some of the finest opera recordings around. I was delighted to hear Erich

Leinsdorf's 1959 Turandor with the Rome Opera Orchestra and chorus (RCA 2 discs, 09026 626872). Although the conductor lacks warmth and finesse in his Puccinian touch, this recording features Jussi Bjoerling, a tenor worth hearing again and again. His sweet tone is a pure delight, his arias brilliant.

Leinsdorf's 1957 recording of Lucio

09026 685372) features the fine warm and humane presentation bright coloratura of soprano Roberta Peters in the lead, with the honey tenor of Jan Peerce as her doomed lover. This is belcanto opera at its best, at least as far as the hero and heroine are concerned.

Peters is also captivating in Il barbiere di Siviglia IRCA. 3 discs, 09026 68552 2), although I prefer a mezzo-soprano singing Rosina. But Pelers's exciting coloratura sweeps you along. Here she is aided above

of Figaro. This is a very romantic Barbierc. Peters, Peerce and Merrill

were members of a small club which no longer exists: Jewish opera singers who were the big stars of their time, especially in New York. Very few Jews have followed them. Opera may not be the kind of career a Yiddish mamma dreams of; Heifetz and Periman have long been the role models preferred over Pavarotti

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MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Salvador Mas-Conde leads the Israel Chamber Orchestra in Mozart's Great Mass (K.427) with the Prague Chamber Choir and soloists Marina Levitt, Marcus Brutscher, and Hubert Claessens. The program opens with Mendelssohn's Second Piano Concerto, with Israeli pianist Daniel Gortler as soloist. Tonight, tomorrow and September 28, 29 at the Tel Aviv Museum (8:30).

You can still hear the Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra performing the world premiere of Yosef Bardanashvilli's Children of God for countertenor and orchestra performed by David D'Or and the orchestra under the baton of music director Yuval Zaliouk. The program also comprises the overture to Weber's Abu Hassan, Schubert's Symphony, and Beethoven's "Emperor" concerto, with Andre Michel Shub as soloist. Tonight, tomorrow and Saturday in Ra'anana (9).

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

The Jerusalem Khan Theater production of Jean Anouilh's Antigone opens tonight. It stars Naomi Fromovich in the title role and Doron Tayori as Creon, king of Thebes. The director is Gedalie Besser. If Hebrew is a problem, reread the English version before you go. But go. You won't be sorry. Tonight and tomorrow at 8:30 p.m.

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

Continuing the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of India's independence, Star Plus is screening one of the all-time great drama series, The Jewel in the Crown. Unfortunately, it is being shown at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesdays, but it is definitely worth taping and

watching later. The highly acclaimed 15-part series is based on four novels by Paul Scott, known as The Raj Quartet. The story is set in an India beset with riots and discontent, preceding the 1947 granting of independence. The series follows the lives of several people whose lives are inevocably changed by the events surrounding them: a missionary driven to distraction; an English woman in love with an Indian boy, and a British-educated Indian man who feels at home nowhere. With Trevor Howard, Art Malik, Dame Peggy Ashcroft, Saced Jaffrey, and Geraldine James.



David D'Or performs the world premiere of 'Children of God' with the RB'anana Symphonette Orchestra.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** TREES LOUNGE - Most often typecast as a fink, a loser, or worse, Steve Buscerni makes no attempt in this film, his writing/directing/starring debut, to buff or alter his image. If anything, the part he pleys here is especially unflattering: Tommy Basilio is a jobless and shifty-eyed Long Island local who spends most of his time at e rundown neighborhood bar, drinking himself into e stupor, Buscemi's first turn as leading man may not be pretty. but it is true, an unusually bonest and strangely moving portrayal of a complete screw-up. And in an upside-down way, Tommy sets the standard for the whole raw yet powerful ensemble drama (whose cast features, among many others, Carol Kane, Seymour Cassel, Debi Mazar and Samuel L. Jackson). Set and shot in the director's own home town, Valley Stream, the movie offers one of the most sadly accurate portraits of middle American disconnection and drift to reach the screen in years. And although Trees Lounge is not without problems (the casual tempo begins to unravel in the second half), it bodes well. Of recent attempts by actors to direct, Buscemi's is one of the freshest and broadest in its vision. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)









CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 City barely filled? (4) 3 In the servants' quarters at one end of the flight (10) 8 Tea goes over the ferryman
- 9 Material, it may be felt (8) 10 Pass as Pele possibly could? (6)
- 11 One of a number put in the
- path of runners (8) 12 Status lost by one who was sacked (8)
- 14 About to turn in with
- mechanical repetition (4)
 16 Man getting record
- assistance (4)
- 18 Try stage directions in plan
- of action (8) 19 Enthusiast sat back in advance initially of the

musical composition (8)

- 20 It can be picked by a thief
- 21 It is therapeutic for army craftsmen laid back (8)
- 22 Do courting couples play this game? (6) 23 Seth, haul me out, old man
- (10)24 Song of praise from
- heartless Harry, heartless man! (4)

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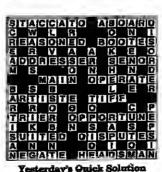
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- 2 It is instrumental in the
- dancel (8) 3 Evening service (6-3)
- 4 Nothing like a monorail presumably? (7,8)

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- 5 Adjust your belt when you get thin surprisingly (7) 6 I climbed about endlessly
- with little energy to get the idiot (8)
 - 7 Theatrical view? (5) 13 Bowl too far on a black
 - surface? (9)
 - 15 Send on large number in
 - passage (8) 16 Flower arranging Cynthia
 - has started (8) 17 Sidesman? (8)
 - 18 Reach daughter in German
 - prison (7) 19 Fellow with no drink in the market-place (5)

SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Saddlers, 7 Wells, 5 Etiquette, 9 Ale, 10 Ring, 11 Antier, 13 Fiddle, 14 Charge, 17 Avence, 18 Plan, 20 Eel, 22 Agreement, 23 Offal, 24 Idleness. DOWN: 1 Shear, 2 Deigned, 3 Laud, 4 Rotund, 5 Clear, 8 Asperse, 7 Wealthy, 12 Hiegal, 13 Freedom, 15

Relieve, 16 Putrid, 17 Aloft, 19

ACROSS 1 Dawdles (7) 5 Prosperity (4) 7 IOW resort (5)

8 Room for movement (6) 10 Dried up (4)

11 Frustrated (8) 13 Up to now (2,4) 14 Setting agent (6) 17 Large shop (8)

19 Sparkling wine (4) 21 Flag (6) 22 Pepper (5) 23 Block (4) 24 Drunk (3-4)

DOWN 1 Race leader (10) 2 Rose into the air (7)

3 Besides (4) 4 Join ropes (6) 5 Struggled (8)

6 Covered with water (5) 9 Recognised (10) 12 Raging (8)

15 Give evidence (7) 16 Increase volume (4,2) 18 Jury (5)

20 Land measure (4)

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6:30 News flash 6:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Good Morning

EDUCATIONAL TV 8:00 Religions of the 8:30 Family Album 9:00 Science

9:25 English 9:40 Arithmetic 10:00 Programs for the very young (Arabic) 11:00 Science 12:30 Music 13:00 Art 13:30 Cartoons 14:30 Boys Basketbell: Hayovel Herzliya vs Kiryat Sharett Holon – live

■ CHANNEL 1

16:00 Boy Meets World 16:25 Super Ben 16:30 The Mask 16:59 A New Evening 17:34 Best of Zappy wave 18:05 Super Ben 18:15 News in English

PROGRAMS 18:30 Family Matters 19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS 19:30 News flash 19:31 Jukebox 20:00 News 20:45 Conference Call 21:25 Shattered Dreams (1990) - an apparently happily married woman sues her husband for divorce after many years of abuse. Starring Lindsay Wagner. 23:00 The Office -

00:00 Daily Verse ■ CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's programs 6:30 Gargoyles 7:00 Coffee with Tel-Ad 9:00 Ruby 10:00 Picket Fences 11:00 Thunder Alley 11:30 Empty Nest 12:00 Brotherly Love -

19:25 Around the

20:00 News

21:05 Big is Be

World with Eyal Peled

20:30 Hartzufim – Rosh Hashana special

- documentary about

larger women, held in

four-part series exam-ining the State of Israel as it approaches its

50th year 23:30 Hollywood Men

00:00 News 00:05 Midnight Shorts 00:35 Herman's Head 00:55 Bad Medicine

(1985) - two medical students studying in South America, after US medical schools

reject them, set up a

a beauty contest for

Beersheba 22:15 Almost 50 -

new silcom 12:30 Doogie Howser, 13:00 Riding High 13:30 Junior News

14:00 Degrassi Junior 14:30 Tic Tac 15:00 Timon and Pumbaa; Quack Pack 16:00 The Bold and 19:30 Point of View 20:00 A New Evening the Beautiful 16:50 Different Driving 20:30 Zembit 21:00 The New 20th 17:30 News magazine 17:30 SporTV 18:00 Port Charles 19:00 The Price is Right – with Aki Avni Century 22:00 Two to Tango -

IN FAMILY CHANNEL

7:00 Good Evening 7:30 Good Evening 7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (rpt) 8:00 Dallas (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives 11:15 Zingara (rpt) 12:00 Barnaby Jones 12:45 Due South

13:30 Frasier 14:00 Sunset Beach 14:50 Days of Our Lives 15:40 Ricki Lake 16:30 Zingara 17:15 One Life to Live 18:00 Good Evening 18:30 Local Broadcast

■ CHANNEL 8 19:00 The Young and

19:40 Beverly Hills 90210 20:25 Tune of Time 20:50 Profiler 21:35 Newsradio

■ JORDAN TV (unconfirmed)

the Shelf

clinic in e nearby vil-

Hagerty and Alan Arkin 2:35 On the Edge of

lage. With Steve Guttenberg, Julie

13:00 Holy Koran 13:10 Cartoons 14:00 Global Gardener 14:30 Spellbinder 15:00 Monsters Today 15:30 Border Town 15:30 Border Town 16:00 Franch programs 18:00 News in French 18:30 News headlines 18:35 Neighbors 19:00 Soldier's Diary 19:30 Oprah Winfrey 20:10 Spenser for Hire 21:00 News in English 21:30 Land's End 22:15 American Gothic

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

6:00 TV Shop 13:30 Body Electric 14:00 Basic Training 14:30 The 700 Club 15:00 Larry King 16:00 Gerbert 6:25 Dennis the 16:45 Mort and Phil

17:35 Saved by the 18:00 Showbiz 18:30 World News Tonight (Arabic) 19:00 Perfect

Strangers 19:25 Newhart 9:50 Movie: Spots of 21:30 Urban Peasant 22:00 CNN 22:30 The 700 Club

CABLE

18:00 Cartoons 16:30 The Agreement 17:30 From Day to Day 18:00 The Tyrant 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Telekessel – in

Russian 20:00 News 20:45 Scent of Mint 22:00 Country Music 22:55 Baldy 23:25 Entertainment

■ ETV 2 (23)

17:00 Chiquititas

19:05 Bitly the Cat 19:30 Helen and the

SHOWING (6) 22:10 Mario, Maria, lives are disrupted by the arrival of another Mario. With Valeria Caveli 00:05 Sans un Cri

■ STAR PLUS

22:00 Yair Lapid Live at 10

Yossi Siyas 23:00 Seinfeld 23:25 Red Shoes Diary - erotic 00:00 The Streets of San Francisco

19:30

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III MOVIE CHANNEL

Justice (1992) - Irue story of 5 Civil War iournalist who battled racism. With Jane

come up against supernatural beings. Supernatural being: With John Hurt 17:05 Say a Little Prayer (1992) – an Australian boy on

summer vacation meets a sad young girl 18:45 It Someone Had Known (1995) (rpt) 20:20 Redwood Curtain (1995) (rpt) 22:00 The Close (1991) - e highly suc cessful businessman.

■ ITV 3 (33)

■ CHILDREN (6)

Chronicles

Now

15:30 Echo Point 16:00 Mathematics for Bagrut 16:30 Face of the Earth 17:00 Bobby
17:30 My Dear
Brother – Arabic series
19:00 Diles Moi Tout
18:30 Tastes
19:00 World's Religions 18:00 Sweet Valley High 18:30 Treasure Island

23:00 Onedin Line

■ SECONO

(French, 1992) – a couple hopes the birth of e son will improve their relationship

8:00 Open University 8:05 Ultrascience:

22:30 Love Story with

00:50 Barnaby Jones

11:30 Two Much Trouble (1994) (rpt) 13:05 Seeing Stars 13:55 Quest for

Seymour 15:25 Windprints (1989) – journalists investigating mysteri-ous murders in Africa

forced to retire, cre-ates an evening of

tense competition to pick his successor. With Danny Aiello 23:30 My Family (1994) (rpt) 1:45 The Substitute (1993) - a, professo

murders her husband and his mistress, disappears and resurices as a substitute 3:10 Almost Blue (1992) (rpt) (91 mins.)

6:30 Cartoons 9:00 Nature Knows Rost 9:40 Surprise Garden 10:05 Treasure Island

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> 13:00 Once Upon a 13:30 Ladybirds 13:40 Arthur 14:05 Care Bear Family 14:35 Heathcliff 15:05 Ninja Turtles 15:35 Space Strikers 16:05 Hillside 16:35 Nick Freno

Boys 20:00 Three's Company 20:25 Married with Children 20:50 Roseanne

21:20 Cosby Show 21:45 Different World

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1:00 Tonight Show 2:00 Internight

6:30 Wonder Years 7:00 Oprah Winfrey 8:00 E! TV 8:30 Madeleine Cooks

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18:30 The X-Files

22:30 Picket Fences

23:30 Vegas 00:30 Oprah Winfrey

1:30 21 Jump Street

18:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 Basketball:

European Winners' Cup (rpt) 18:00 English Soccer

- Liverpool vs. Aston

■ FUROSPORT

8:30 Eurogoals

■ CHANNEL 5

TIME

PRIME

Case of Murder (rpt) 8:35 Eureka, I've Got 9:00 Nine to Five 9:30 The Jewel in the it All - part 2 (rpt)
9:30 Nature on Track
Lords of the Sky (rpt)
10:00 Elgar's 10th Crown - part 2
10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
11:00 Santa Barbara
12:00 Crystal Maze
13:00 Wonder Years
13:30 Living on the 13:30 Living on the

The Office

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Magic and Miracles, Magic and Miracles, part 25 (rpt) 13:10 Touchwood (rpt) 13:40 Wild Horizons, part 3; Elephants (rpt) 14:10 Via Mystica, part 1; Illusion (rpt) 15;10 Lalbela; The Black Jerusalem (rpt) 16:05 National

Geographic (rpt) 17:00 Open University 19:05 Wikifie Adventures, part 6 20:00 Mysteries, Magic and Miracles 20:30 Wild Horizons

19:00 National part 4: Big Birds, Big Business Women's Basketball 21:00 Via Mystica: A 20:30 American MLS Taste of Honey 22:00 When We Die 22:55 National Soccer 22:00 Champions' Geographic: Sunset, Boulevard of Dreams 23:50 Open University League Soccer - sec-ond round preview 23:00 Boxing

■ NBC SUPERCHANNEL 6:00 VIP 6:30 NBC News

10:00 ATP Tour 11:30 4x4 Offroad 7:00 MSNBC News 8:00 Today Show 12:00 Karting 13:00 Motorcross 14:00 Water Ski World Championship 9:00 Europe Squawk Box 10:00 European Money Wheel 14:30 Funsports 15:00 Tour of Spain 14:30 CNBC US 17:00 Mountain Bike 8:00 Motors 16:00 Star Gardens 19:30 Boxing 20:30 Soccer: 1994 16:30 Interiors By Design 17:00 The Site World Cup highlights 18:00 National 22:30 Soccer: 1998 Geographic: The White House World Cup qualifiers 00:00 Gott: WEPG 19:00 The Ticket

1:00 Tour of Spain **■ STAR SPORTS** 5:30 Superbike

7:00 Soccer: LG Cup 8:30 Trans World Sports 10:30 This is PGA Tour 11:30 Soccer, SAFF Championship 13:30 Motorsports 14:30 Sports Unlimited 15:30 Soccer: SAFF Championship 17:30 Asia Soccer 18:30 ITU Triathlon 19:30 EPGA Tour

20:30 Superbike

22:00 Trans World sports 23:00 Sports Unlimited 00:00 Soccer: LG Cup 1:30 Golf: EPGA Tour ■ BBC WORLD

News on the hour 6:30 BBC Reporters 7:00 Newsdesk 9:30 Hard Talk (rpt) 9:30 BBC Reporters 10:30 Tomorrow's World (rpt) 11:30 Hard Talk (rpt) 12:30 Airport (rpt) 13:00 Newsdesk 14:30 BBC Reporters 15:15 World Business 15:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour

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> Special 23:00 Newsdesk & World Business 1:10 Newsnight

22:30 Top Gear

News through the day 8:30 Insight 7:30 Moneyline (rpt) 8:30 World Sports 9:30 Showbiz Today 12:30 American Edition

18:30 Q&A Today 20:30 World News 21:30 World Report 22:00 European News 22:30 Insight 23:00 World Business

RADIO

9:05 Mozart A Musical Joke K522; Brahms:

Sextet in A minor for

piano op 114: Schumann: Piano concerto in Aminor, Schubert: Symphony no 4 "Tragic": Beethoven: Symphony no 3 "Eroica" 12:00 Light Classical tamiliar works by Haydn, Massenet, Sarasate, Tchaikovsky, Hummel,

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clarinet for cello and

15:00 Keys 16:00 Handel: choral

movement from Messiah; Beethoven:

Sonata no 4 in A mino

for violin and piano op 23; Schumann; Symphonic Etudes op 13; Sibelius: The

Wood Nymoh; Veljo Tormis: The Iron Curse for soloists, a-

cappella choir and drum (BBC Singers) 18:00 Mendelssohn:

Songs without Words

Rheinberger: move-ment from Suite for

organ, violin and cello op 149; Stölzel: When

You Are By My Side for soprano, organ and cello; Ben-Hairr:

Serenade for flute and

string trio; Chopin: Plano trio in G minor

op 6; Tchaikovsky: Piano trio in A minor

20:05 From the

op 50; Liszt: Etude no 3 "La campanella"

Recording Studio – Eva Ben-Zvi; soprano; Natasha Tadson and

Yosef Dorlman, pia

book 7 op 85;

Shostakovich, Puccini 13:00 Artists of the Week - Guarneri Quartet, Brahms: Quartet, Branns: Piano quartet in G minor op 25; Haydn: Quartet in G op 77/1 14:06 Encore

18:30 Floyd on France Today 20:30 Hard Talk (rpt) 21:30 Science World

CNN INTERNA-

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10:30 CNN Newsroom 11:30 World Report 12:45 Q&A (rpt) 13:00 Asian News 13:30 World Sport 14:00 Asian News 14:30 Business Asia

15:00 Larry King Live 16:30 World Sport 17:30 Asia Today 19:45 American Edition 20:00 World Business

00:00 World View 1:30 Moneyline

Today Update

■ VOICE OF MUSIC 8:06 Morning Concert

Mussorasky: Cycle of Weidberg: Lost War, 3 songs to words by David Avidan; 2 Pastorales by anony-mous French 18thcentury composers; Moses-Milner: 3 Yiddish songs; Fauré: 2 Songs; Gliere: Concerto for voice and 21:00 Clouds, Celebrations, Sirens 23:00 Golden

Generation - Great

Gounod, Mayerbeer,

Offenbach, Johann

Voices: Frieda

Hempel Verdi,

Donizetti, Mozart.

MOVIES

20:00 Dateline

00:00 Later

21:00 Euro PGA Golf

22:00 Tonight Show

23:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien

00:30 NBC News

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CINEMATHEQUE Alaska 5 - The
Time and the Time to Die 7:15 - To
Realize e Dream+The Wandering Jew
8:30 - Shine 10 G.G. Gil. Jerusalen
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of Snow 5, 7:15, 9:45 - George of the
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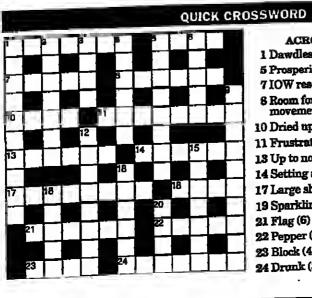
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2 wounded guards return home

The two Israeli Embassy guards shot by terrorists in Amman on Monday were flown home yesterday for continued medical treat-

Moshe Levine and Amikam Hadar were taken on stretchers from the King Hussein Medical Center, where they spent the night after the attack, and carried onto a civilian Israeli helicopter.

"I feel very well," Levine told reporters as he was carried out.

Hadar and Levine were flown to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer in a helicopter provided by the Chimnir company, in the first civilian Israeli flight permitted to land in Amman. The Jordanians allowed the pilot to fly a special low-level route in order to shorten

King Hussein visited the two men Monday night and said the attack was "regrettable and disgraceful. It is not part of our traits nor our morals, and I am confident that we will find who is responsible for this act and who is behind

A security source told Reuters a number of people had beeo detained for questioning in the main Baqaa Palestinian refugee camp on the outskirts of the city.

"Unul now no one has been arrested... but there is valuable information available now and the search is under way," Minister of State for Information Samir Mutawae told reporters after a cabinet meeting which dealt primarily with the shooting. The extent of information available makes the security forces confident they will arrest the perpetrators in a very

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A nurse at the helicopter pad of Sheba Hospital in Tel Hashomer yesterday welcomes wounded security guard Moshe Levine home for treatment.

short period," he added.

The incident, which took place io broad daylight in a highly policed area where many foreign diplomats live, has exposed loopholes in tight security to protect Israeli diplomats since the

embassy opened following the 1994 peace treaty.

The police have made a rare public appeal for any evidence which might lead to the arrest of the perpetrators and have offered an

Mutawae said it is too early to determine who was behind the attack, apparently contradicting earlier statements by the interior minister, who described the attack undisclosed sum of money as a as an iodividual act not linked to a

wider political organization.

An unknown group calling itself the "Islamic Resistance in Jordan" claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement sent to news

(News agencies)

General strike postponed

By ARYEN DEAN COHEN and news agencies

The Histadrut has postponed the general strike called for tomorrow until Sunday, but plans to stage nationwide labor sanctions tomorrow instead.

The decision gives Histadrut officials a chance to meet with Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman who returns from the IMF Conference in Hong Kong tomorrow.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu appealed to Histadrut Secretary-General Amir Peretz last night to open a dialogue with the government about economic poli-

The government's decision does not harm existing agreements or workers' Netanyahu wrote Peretz.

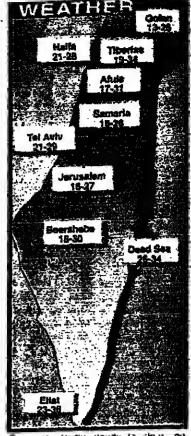
He added that the government's economic plan was aimed at helping the disadvantaged and would add tens of thousands of jobs. Still, the labor federation went

ahead with plans to stage major sanctions today. Arab schools, local councils and state workers will strike today. while welfare officials nationwide

won't hold office hours for the public or answer phones. In addition, 3,500 workers at the

National Insurance Institute will continue sanctions for a fourth straight day.

As part of tomorrow's sanctions. government offices and local councils won't hold office hours for the public. Workers will report to their jobs but won't answer telephones.



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Average household monthly income

Year	Gross	Net	% Change*
1990	4,027	3,232	_
1991	4,778	3,895	1.3
1992	5,576	4,494	3.1
1993	6.048	4,882	-2.1
1994	7,341	5,862	6.9
1995	8,417	6.527	1.2
1996	9.254	7200	0.0

Average family income same as 1995

By DAVID HARRIS

The average wage-earning urban family brought home a net monthly income of NIS 7.200 in 1996, according to a survey published yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics. This figure, which applies to a statistical family of 3.8 persons having 1.7 incomes, shows no real

change since 1995. The average wage-earner brought home NIS 4,570 or NIS 27 per hour. respective real increases of 0.6% and 1%, the survey found.

But in the streets of Jerusalem, some "average" working people were not convinced yesterday that they are getting a better deal today than in recent years.

"It's absolutely necessary that we have two incomes," said Shosh Horesh, 34, an accountant/bookkeeper and the mother of three, whose busband, Mike, is an economist. "We lose about a third or our wages even before we've brought them home. Our salaries haven't kept up with inflation and as the kids grow older there are more demands."

A single 42-year old immigrant office manager from the US said she finds it extremely difficult to live on her net monthly salary of NIS 4,000. "I can't live on that much myself, never mind with a family." she said.
"I rarely buy myself clothing and for

holidays I stay with friends or my family back in America." Gross monthly wages in families with a working householder last year averaged NIS 9,250, before deductions for income tax, National Insurance Institute payments, and

health tax. This figure is 0.1 percent lower in real terms than in 1995.

Within this category, the average net income per capita reached NIS 2,360 - just 0.3% higher than 1995. Of gross earnings, 22,2% went for direct taxes, a similar figure to that for 1995. Within the overall earn-

ings, 86% came from wages, In families where the householder was unemployed, the gross income was NIS 2,930, or 2.1% lower in real terms than in 1995. Net income in such households stood at NIS 2,810, a 2.2% real decline, while net per capita income fell 2% to to NIS 1.385. In this category, direct taxes totaled 4.4% of overall income.

The nei standard per capita measurement used by the Central Bureau of Statistics to determine standards of living shows the working group to be 1.7 times better off than the unemployed group. These figures are similar to those in 1995.

These data are based on a survey of 4,581 wage-earning households and 2,231 where the householder was out of work. Further details of the study are to be released in the

coming days.
In terms of changes needed to help Israelis, the office manager suggested that the Treasury address the problem of unaffordable housing. both for rent and sale, "Montgages are bupkes [negligible] and aren't even worth looking at," she said.

Horesh, meanwhile, suggested the Treasury tax the ultra-rich, who shesaid "don't give money back. We're middle-class and we get screwed every time," she said, referring to government plans to cut child bene. fit payments.



Winning cards

In yesterday's daily Chance drawings, the winning cards were the 7 of spades, the 9 of hearts, the ace of diamonds and the 7 of clubs, and the 8 of spades, the 9 of hearts, the 8 of diamonds and king of clubs,

In the weekly Lotto drawing lastnight, the following numbers were chosen; 49, 36, 35, 21, 11, 9. The supplemental number was 16.

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